

Rise and shine, get out of bed Or you'll get shaving cream all over your head

BY AMY COHEN
Staff Reporter

Syrup, eggs and whipped cream are all a part of wake-up breakfasts, but for some teams like the women's soccer team, food like this not only made it to their mouths, but also all over their bodies.

Members of sports teams that have been awakened at the crack of dawn by their teammates for an annual breakfast do not always come home the same. Instead, these teammates have come home covered with such food products as syrup, whipped cream and eggs.

Wake-up breakfasts like these have been tolerated for years. Not until the '96 fall sports season have wake-up breakfasts ever been thought of as a form of hazing.

When the women's soccer team had their wake-up breakfast, food being thrown on them came as no big surprise, according to junior team member Abbey Fitch.

"I knew the seniors would get us with food at the wake-up. I've been drenched with water and whipped cream for two years, and I didn't expect this year to be any different," Fitch said.

And it wasn't. According to sophomore Deja Lewis, the team

didn't get to eat until after they were covered in food.

"After we picked the whole team up we were taken to a parking lot and the seniors put whipped cream, eggs and syrup all over us. After that, we all went to Bob Evans for breakfast," Lewis said.

The choice of whether to be transformed into breakfast food was not out of the team's reach, according to senior Asharra Hill.

"If any person didn't want to get food on them they had every right to tell us not to do it," Abbott said. "I talked to all the teammates and every one of them said they had a good time and that they didn't mind getting messy. The problem came from the parents, not the team."

Wake-up breakfasts aren't degrading at all; it is always fun and it's been a part of Shaker women's soccer history for years. This is the first time there's been a problem with an otherwise great experience.

PAGES 8-9 Corleto, junior

The problem arose when a parent became concerned after her child came home from the wake-up breakfast and the events of the morning were explained.

"When my child came home smelling like syrup and she told me pillowcases had been put over the girl's heads, I became concerned. The more I thought about it, the more concerned I became," the concerned parent said.

The concerned parent then called principal A. Jack Rumbaugh and athletic director Jill Allen.

Allen responded with a letter to all team coaches explaining that teams

Wake-up has always been a chance for us to bond as a team. It helps promote team friendship and unity, and is in no way demeaning or hurtful to individuals.

-Beth Moore, junior

were allowed to have wake-up breakfasts, but no substances could be put on team members. Those who disobey would be punished with suspension.

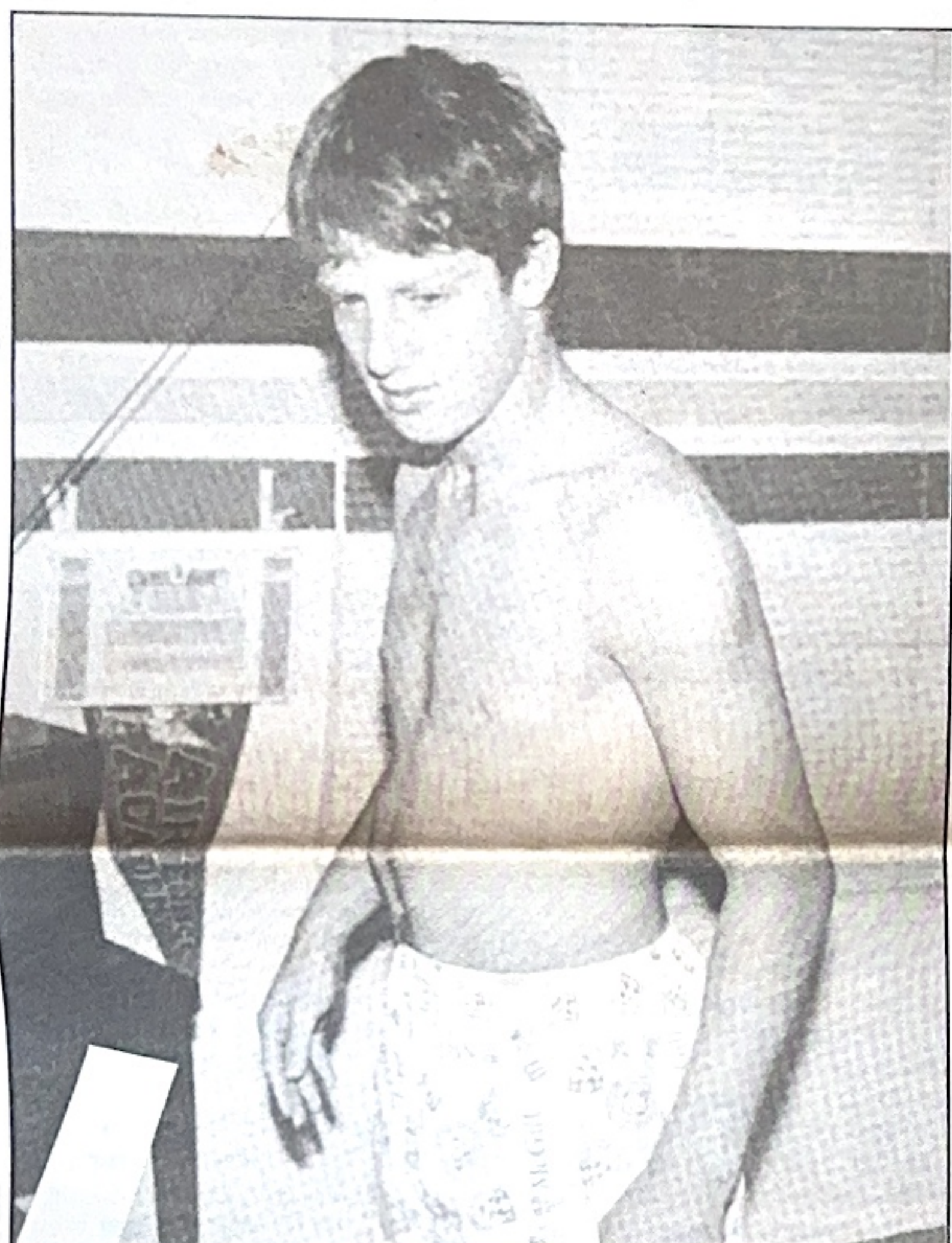
A meeting was held for all concerned parents, and according to junior Kim Breese, the parents' feedback seemed to be positive.

"I talked to many of the parents who attended the meeting. All except the one parent who was against wake-ups in the beginning seemed to believe that they were clean fun, and that they should be allowed, messiness and all," Breese said.

Whether wake-ups ending with bodies submerged in food condiments is considered clean fun or hazing is still up for debate, but either way wake-ups have been altered. According to Fitch, the old wake-ups will be missed by all.

"All team members will be sad when they come home from team wake-ups as clean as they left," Fitch said. "At least we have those eternally syrup-stained shirts to remind us of the old wake-ups."

Emily Hoffman contributed to this article

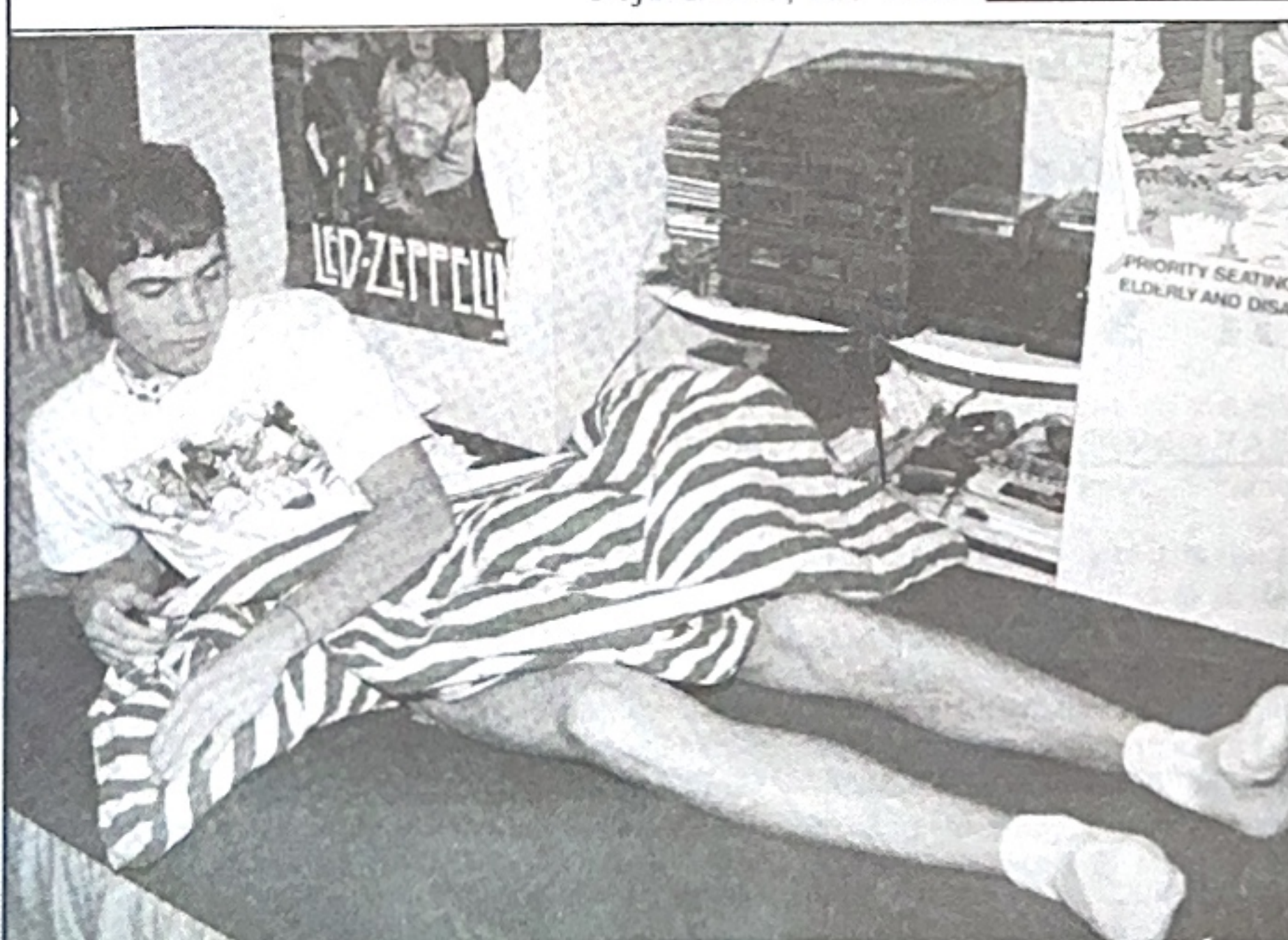


Smile! You're on candid camera! Junior Mike Gross (above) and sophomore Tom Fallon (right) look a little tired after being woken up for a choir wake-up breakfast.

♦ "The breakfast really brought people together. It was a lot of fun for everyone. It's foolish that the administration wanted to qualify a bonding activity as hazing," senior Bernard Williams said.

♦ "It's an activity which makes members of the choir feel more unified and together. It's a great experience," senior James Bates said.

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OOOOHHHH!!!! SPOOKY!!

A&E reviews which haunted houses are scary enough to make you pee in your pants

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Eight seniors named National Achievement Commended Scholars

Seniors Christopher Benn, Cortney Forrest, Kristen Houk, Mercedes Long, Ja Alycia Roberson, Lawrence Rush, Bernard Williams and Randolph Williams were named National Achievement for Outstanding Negro Students Commended Scholars. This distinction was based on the '95 PSAT. These students scored in the top five percent of approximately 100,000 Black Americans. Seniors Julia Andrews, Dain Thorpe and Susan Murray were already named Achievement Program Semifinalists in September.

Wheel of fortune: Tips for seniors searching for college scholarships

BY SARAH LEVIN
Staff Reporter

Okay, so you have decided where you are going to apply to college. You may have even started on those nasty essays, but have you begun to think about how you are going to pay for your college education?

Well, seniors, never fear, because you can always go to Student Advisor Laura Barnett to get all the necessary information on scholarships.

According to Barnett, who has already met with approximately one third of the senior class, all one has to do in order to be matched up with possible scholarships is fill out a scholarship data form in the guidance office and get a scholarship handbook. The school's database has about 450 scholarships, most of which are for specific colleges.

The types of scholarships that students can "win" may vary. The ones that Shaker students receive are usually for particular schools and they relate to talent, minorities, community service, leadership qualities and sports. The '96-'97 Scholarship Handbook, which can be picked up in the Guidance Office, includes a wide variety of scholarships, anywhere from an outstanding athlete who has asthma scholarship, to minority or poetic scholarships.

Though Barnett encourages students to come to her to investigate possible scholarships, she hopes that students do not base what college they are going to attend on whether or not they receive a certain scholarship.

"I think of scholarships more like contests, and getting one is like 'winning.' I do not suggest that students hope for a particular scholarship and base where they are going to go to school on whether or not they get that scholarship," Barnett said.

The scholarship handbook and the guidance office are only two places where seniors can inquire about scholarships. There are also programs on the Internet.

One of these is called fastWEB. The address is <http://www.fastweb.com>. Another site to log on is <http://www.es.emu.edu/afs/cs/user/mkant/Public/FinAid/finaid.html>. The internet has thousands of scholarships available, ranging from having attended an Ohio high school to those for students who create art projects using leather. Families can also call scholarship services, but Barnett said she does not recommend them because they are usually expensive.

Another type of scholarship offered at the high school is the PTO scholarship. This requires a minimum GPA of 2.5, and it looks at a student's involvement in community service, leadership skills and extracurricular activities. An applicant must write an essay and he or she can choose from two topics. About 10 to 20 PTO scholarships are awarded each year, totalling \$10,000 to \$20,000. This is the one scholarship that Barnett encourages more students to apply for and she said it is one of the most popular scholarships.

With deadlines fast approaching, many seniors are beginning to look into scholarships to help them pay for college. Senior Sarah Abbott has already been in to see Barnett.

"I went in to see what I was eligible for. I have done a lot of community service throughout high school and I am an Explorer, so those are two areas in which I could get scholarships. I have also looked at the individual schools that I am applying to in order to see what I am eligible for there," Abbott said.

Well seniors, it is getting down to the wire, so keep these scholarships in mind when you are moaning and groaning about how you are ever going to pay for college.

Looking for college scholarships

WHERE TO look







♦ Talk to counselor Laura Barnett to discuss options

♦ Look through 1996 Scholarship Handbook available through guidance office

♦ Surf the 'net. Check out:

<http://www.fastweb.com>
<http://www.es.emu.edu/afs/cs/user/mkant/Public/FinAid/finaid.html>

Types Available

-  Athletic
-  Academic
-  Ethnic/racial
-  Leadership
-  Community Service
-  Special traits (i.e. having asthma, being left-handed, etc.)



Student Council continues to take active role in school issues

BY LINDSAY CAMPBELL
Staff Reporter

The Student Council is up and running and has several new projects keeping it busy. These are the latest.

Communications Committee:

This committee is making a suggestion box to relay ideas between students and the Council. The Student Council bulletin board in the cafeteria is being repaired to show both students and members when meetings are held.

Community Committee:

The community committee was the driving force behind spirit week and is currently trying to reschedule the pep rally. Also, on Halloween Day, to promote spirit, the Council will give candy to those who wear costumes.

Policy Committee:

They are at work trying to set up a council at The Middle School which will be guided by the high school until it gets on its feet. Also, the Council is recommending a year round pass for admission to school athletic events. They are also trying to remedy the miscommunication and

problems that have arisen with students not being able to leave the library if they go there for their free periods.

Judiciary Committee:

They are working on internal affairs of the Student Council. Parliamentary procedure is going to be instituted to help speed up and clarify the runnings of the Council.

Fundraising Committee:

This committee was just created with sophomore Hannah Foster as chairwoman.

Dance Committee:

Although it is not a standing committee, junior Jim Robenalt is heading it and it is actively at work. They are organizing a winter formal dance, perhaps Sadie Hawkins style.

Also, the new freshman officers and representatives are: president Cheryl Blackwell, vice president Andrea Abramoff, secretary Erika Johnson, treasurer Geanette Green and reps. China Bolden, Kate Ciepluch, Beth Dolinsky, Dashi Singum, Ananda Hunt, JaMice Lewis, Lauren Gilbride, Julie Pavlova, Tiffany Williams and Sarah White.



Dressed to frighten! Freshmen Class President Cheryl Blackwell prepares to show her spirit.
Shakerite Photo by Iahn Gonsenhausen

NEWS BRIEFS

Murphy's dancing brings her fame

Last summer Spanish teacher Edna Duffy-Murphy was inducted in the hall of "Famous People in Cleveland" at the Western Reserve Historical Society.

According to the Historical Society, Murphy was inducted because of her dedication to dancing and her contributions to the community through her dance company.

Murphy, who has been teaching Spanish at the high school for 12 years has a life out of school that very few people know about.

Using her stage name, Edna Duffy, she has her own dancing studio that she started eight years ago. She spends many hours each week teaching students the art of dancing the American negro spiritual.

"I started the company because I wanted there to be a place where people could learn the history of our country through dancing," Murphy said.

Murphy said that it was a complete surprise when she found out that she was going to have a plaque commemorating her on the wall at the museum.

"I never expected this. It is a nice honor to be in there but it really does not mean that much to me. It is my mother that got really excited. She came in for the ceremony when they put it up and took a lot of pictures. She was very proud of me," Murphy said.

Murphy's top company which consist of students 17 and older will be performing at the Ohio Theatre Nov. 3 at 6 p.m.

The company will be sharing the stage with a West African company called Kankouran. The show, "Echoes of the Drums" is intended to show how the spiritual is passed on West African rhythms of the drums.

Murphy is a teacher that continues teaching throughout her daily life regardless of whether or not she is at the high school.

"I extend my teaching outside of the classroom and into the community by performing dance and song and teaching kids of all ages on Saturdays," Murphy said.

-Tommy Gelehrter

Oval traffic to be rerouted

According to Administrator Carlton Moody, preliminary plans are underway to reroute traffic around the high school to cut down on congestion after school. These plans are partially a result of the recent Cleveland Heights/Shaker fight in which Heights teenagers attempted to enter the building.

"We are taking preventive measures to discourage visitors coming from other school districts," Moody said.

The proposed plan would stop traffic from continuously circling the oval and divert it back to Parkland and Woodbury or Onaway roads.

-Toby Bulloff

NEWS BRIEFS

Not playing with a full deck

Spades, Gin Rummy, Bid Whist, and Twenty-One are all favorite games played throughout America but they are not allowed in school according to the Policies and Procedures of Behavior and Discipline handbook.

For the past two years, there has been an on going, no gambling card game in the cafeteria before school, according to senior Rashad Burnley. Recently, teacher's aide Maureen Carroll broke up Burnley's and three other students', junior Brian Campbell, freshman Elijah Hill, and senior Terrence May, card game.

"I mentioned to them that playing cards in school was against the rules. They claimed that they were allowed and I said that I would check on it. I asked the security guard, Cheryl Jennings, and she said that she would speak with them," Carroll said.

The students were under the impression that the rule was only applicable during school hours, 8-4, so playing before school was not covered, according to Campbell.

"No playing cards in school is the number one rule whether or not the games include gambling," Jennings said.

Carroll agreed with Jennings adding that card playing should not be a part of a quality learning environment.

The students were punished with one Saturday School each, according to Campbell.

"It [the card playing] provided something constructive to do during the morning instead of standing on the walls and hanging out. That is what the security complains about," Burnley said.

Campbell and the other students agreed that recreational card playing should not be punished in this way, because they were not causing any trouble.

- Najah Farley

Come cast your vote

The Mock Election at Shaker on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. will give people, regardless of age, the chance to explore national issues and vote for a presidential candidate.

According to an explanatory pamphlet sent to all residents, Shaker is one of hundreds of school districts participating in the Mock Election. The results will be reported on CNN on October 30, and students' and parents' thoughts will be forwarded to the newly elected President and Congress.

The evening consists of a musical introduction by members of the high school marching band followed by a presentation of the candidates' views.

The group will then break into small groups to discuss what they have heard. This will be followed by official voting and then a vote count.

Tim Mitchell, social studies department head, believes that the Mock Election is important for the community because "it is never too early to begin voter education."

- Toby Bulloff

Monet, Matisse, McLoughlin

Senior Tim McLoughlin, a rising new artist

BY LINDSAY CAMPBELL

Staff Reporter

Senior Tim McLoughlin is painting the school red. More precisely he is doing oil work, mixed media, and even sculpture and furthering Shaker's fine arts.

Tim discovered his passion and hidden talent for art in just eighth grade. Since then he has received recognition and satisfaction from his work.

Last year he won three scholastic awards, one gold key and two silver keys. He also made the top 25 out of 9,000 entries at the Governor's show. This recognition led to one of his pieces being hung in Washington D.C.

Tim does not pursue his art merely for recognition, or monetary awards. It is not something he tinkers around with to keep him busy either.

"It is much more than a hobby. It's my life. I just want to live and be an artist 'when I grow up,'" he said.

However, vague descriptions of awards, goals, and artistic background do not truly show what McLoughlin's art is about. To get a more first hand look at his work, three of his pieces are currently up in the school.

The first, is one which he painted last year when he took classes at the Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA). It is a painting from a live model—a man with dreadlocks in front of a blue background. It can be seen in the main office.

The second work is a mixed media piece involving trains and transportation



The next Picasso? Senior Tim McLoughlin works on a painting in the newly remodeled art department.

Shakerite Photo by Grace Fuller

The most striking piece, displayed in the office, is a four foot by four foot self portrait. It shows him with his fingers in his eye in the immediate foreground.

"It freaks the ladies in the office out," he laughed.

A very modest and reserved artist, he is not pompous about his work and achievements. Although, as he says, it "basically came from me" he does credit his past CIA class, the guidance of art teacher James Hoffman and even his English and art literature teacher George Harley.

Harley enjoyed teaching McLoughlin and had only positive words to say about

his future.

"I think Tim has a tremendous ability. He is a true artistic genius, I feel, as a student, at his level. He has a natural ability and self-motivation. He is eager to go out and find answers. He is definitely going to make it. He is someone you will read about in the future," Harley said.

After high school he plans to attend art school and is currently considering eight different schools from between New York and Chicago.

Amid college decisions and senior distractions, McLoughlin will continue to enhance Shaker's fine arts and hallways with his work.

"Rained out" pep rally dampens school spirit

BY CAITLIN MASINI
Co-News Editor

Red and white on student's shirts, pants, socks, and even shoes was seen on Thursday, October 10. Students were showing their school spirit on the final day of Spirit Week and were prepared to end the week with a pep rally at the end of that day. As red and white clad students entered the cafeteria early Thursday morning to have a free breakfast in return for showing their spirit, they received news that there was to be no pep rally.

Several students asked why not. Over the announcements on Thursday they were told that there were concerns about the weather. Later, the next week Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said that the weather was a concern as well as security measures.

For many students this was not good enough. Many members of all four grades went to the stadium tenth period anyway. The group was quickly disbanded. Many students left with a feeling of disappointment.

"I was really disappointed because in my four years at Shaker I have never witnessed as much school spirit as I saw in that one day. I got a lot of feedback [from the students] and they were all excited,

especially the senior class, and even though the pep rally has been rescheduled, the momentum of that week has been lost," senior Student Council member Erica Labovitz said.

Rumbaugh said that security was a major concern because it was important to keep all non-Shaker students from trespassing and possibly causing problems, like the fight that occurred the week before.

"I think it caused more trouble canceling the pep rally than having it would have because everyone cut class to go out there [to the stadium tenth period]," sophomore Matt Nickoson said.

Students express their feelings on the loss of the pep rally

"I think we should have pep rallies because we should have school spirit. Everyone was really excited on Thursday, and then let down when the rally was canceled," junior Jenny Resnick said.

"They should not have canceled it because they got people all hyped up about it and then canceled it," junior Reggie Williams said.

"Everyone worked really hard to make the pep rally happen and it was disappointing that it did not happen. Spirit week went really well and come Thursday there was a large percentage of people showing spirit and the pep rally would have been the culmination of that. We [student council] were sorry the rally did not happen, but we did appreciate that so many people dressed up and participated through the whole week," student council member Liza Lazurus said.

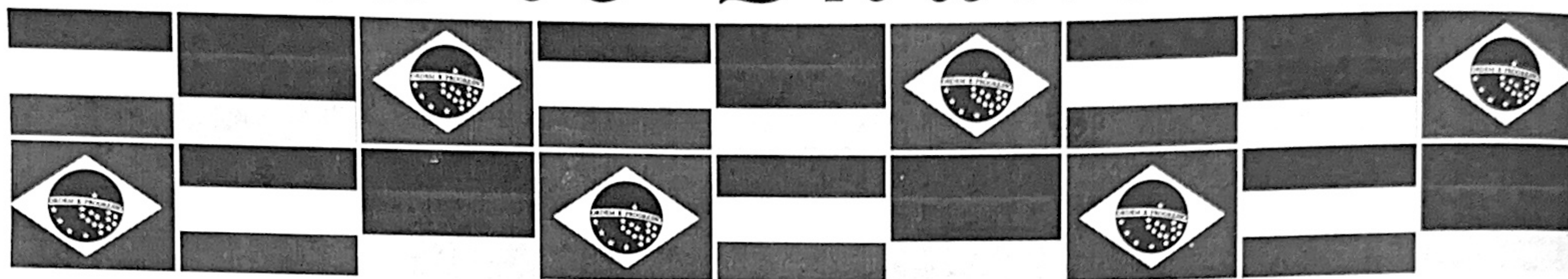
"The canceling of the pep rally was unfortunate, because it killed the school spirit that had been built up that week," senior Larry Rush said.

"I think they tried to use the weather as an excuse for something else," junior Jackie Munyasya said.

"They should have told us the real reason for canceling the pep rally instead of lying to us," freshman Melissa Reid said.

Quotes collected by Caitlin Masini

From all over the world to Shaker



Hungary

Junior Richard Szmola from Hungary is attending the high school for the next two years due to his father's job transfer.

Quick Facts about Hungary

- ◆ Location: East Central Europe
- ◆ Type of government: parliamentary democracy
- ◆ Television sets: 1 per 2.4 persons
- ◆ Life expectancy: 67 male, 76 female

Richard's thoughts:

- ★ The USA is 102 times bigger than Hungary!
- ★ American people are friendly
- ★ Americans are well-off

"I like the high school because there are different people to meet who are outgoing. The school is in better condition than the ones in Hungary," Richard said.

-Ina Naumann

Germany

Juniors Heike Schwarzl and Michael Spieth Germany. Both Heike and Michael are exchange students, staying for six months and one year respectively.

Quick Facts about Germany

- ◆ Location: Central Europe
- ◆ Type of government: federal republic
- ◆ Television sets: 1 per 1.7 persons
- ◆ Life expectancy: 73 males, 80 females

Heike's and Michael's thoughts:

- ★ there is a gadget for everything
- ★ a car is needed to get from placeto place (in lieu of a bike)
- ★ school here ends late & you have lots of homework
- ★ at home we go out with friends 1-3 times a week

"Compared to my old school in Germany, this school has a variety of subjects, clubs and sports," Michael said.

-Ina Naumann

Brazil

Senior Edilena Moraes and junior Marcello Moraes, though not related, are visiting from Brazil. Edilena will remain in the US permanently, and Marcello is an exchange student, staying with Adam Cohen for the remainder of the first semester.

Quick Facts about Brazil

- ◆ Location: Eastern half of South America
- ◆ Type of government: federal republic
- ◆ Television sets: 1 per 5 persons
- ◆ Life expectancy: 67 male, 76 female

Edilena's and Marcello's thoughts:

- ★ at school here you change rooms & classmates
- ★ the teachers change rooms in Brazil
- ★ the sports here are much more exciting
- ★ the houses here are bigger & more comfortable

"People are obligated to vote, you can not choose whether to go to the elections or not, you have to go," Marcello said.

-Ina Naumann

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Entries now being accepted for the PTO Logo Design Contest!

- Design an entirely new logo for the Shaker Heights PTO to be used as the official logo by all PTO school units and PTO council
- We want a creative logo to reflect the new PTO mission of parent/family involvement
- Entry open to individuals (e.g. students, parents, teachers) or teams (we encourage parent/family involvement!)
- Deadline is December 2, 1996 (the first school day after Thanksgiving)
- Awards- Winning entry: \$100, Second and third place awards: gift certificates
- Flyer/entry form with further information may be picked up from your office or art teacher
- Questions? Call PTO Strategic Planning Representative, Lorraine Spiro (491-9324)

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Come to the 1996 Shaker Heights City School District Mock Election!

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., all Shaker residents are invited to take part in the city's Mock Election. After opening statements by the "candidates," senior Government students will lead small group discussions in which participants discuss the issues pertaining to this election. Votes will then be cast and tallied, and the results will be broadcast on CNN.

THE RITE IDEA

Shakerite endorses bond issue

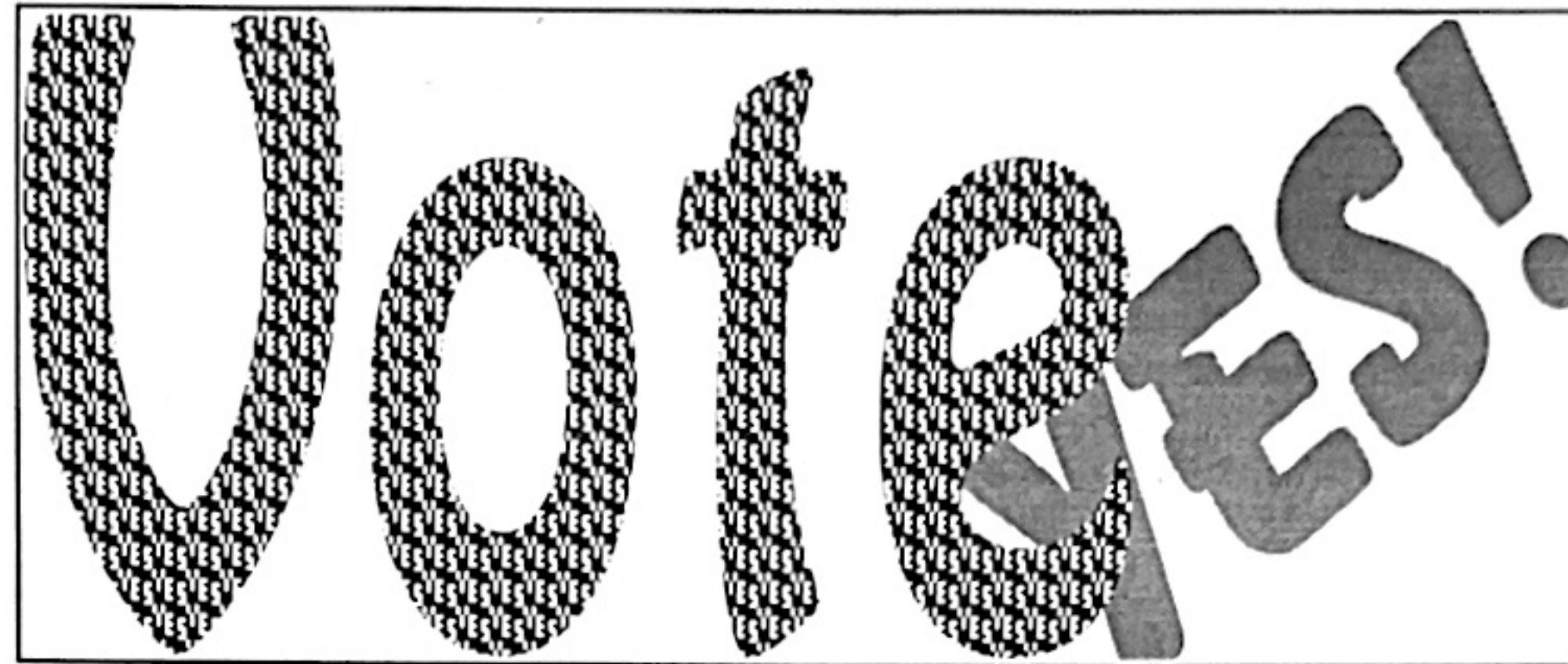
On Nov. 5, Shaker Heights citizens will be asked to cast their votes in support of the much-needed 1.6-mill school bond issue.

The school district needs funds for repairs and improvements on community facilities such as school buildings and the Main Library. The majority of the funds will be used throughout the entire district to repair building structures, roofs and electrical wiring. Also, some money will go towards making the buildings more accessible to people with disabilities.

Other ways the funds will be used are the following:

- ❖ Technological improvements such as the purchase of computers and the creation of a computer network in the elementary schools.

- ❖ The renovation of the second floor of the Main Shaker Heights Public Library, such as an after-school study area equipped with state-of-the-art computers and software for use of



students and member of the community.

- ❖ The construction of a ballfield for community use and better parking at Ludlow School.

If the \$12.7 million issue passes, residents will only be paying an extra \$49 per year on a \$100,000 house. This cost may be deductible from federal income taxes. Less than \$5 a month on an average home will provide students who are eager to learn with the resources they need.

Shaker voters have not passed a bond issue since 1990, which provided funds until 1995. The school buildings are between 40 and 80 years old and house 5,400 students each day. In order to keep up the quality of education we are accustomed to in Shaker, it is vital that we keep this buildings in good repair to provide a stable learning environment.

We must also continue to keep up with modern technology so that as our

world becomes more and more computerized, Shaker graduates are prepared to function comfortably around this technology.

The less time we waste in passing this issue, the less damage we will have to repair and the more money we will save. Any delays we encounter in acquiring these funds will force the district to take money from the General Fund at the cost of everyday school operations.

Even if residents don't have any children in the schools, they should support the issue for the good of the community as a whole. It is a fact that property values go up in cities that have excellent schools.

The *Shakerite* gives its total support to the bond issue and hopes that residents will see that it is vital to the success of the district. We strongly encourage voters to continue the tradition of excellence of which Shaker is so proud by voting YES on Nov. 5.

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to spirit week. Student council finally did something!

Jeers to the impending end of boys' soccer season. We're going to miss those calves.

Cheers to the band dance. Break it down, Raiders!

Jeers to "90210" and "Party of Five" being cancelled because of the baseball championships. Sorry Greg, you're no Bailey.

Jeers to having freshmen proficiency tests at the middle school! No more coming to school at 10 a.m., no shortened periods, no tired freshmen to laugh at.



Jeers to the end of "next year." But we still love you, Tribe.

Cheers to the field hockey team.

Cheers to Sweetest Day.

Cheers to the Cos. Where else can you wear tube tops and still feel right at home?

THE TOP TEN

Ideas for Halloween costumes...

10. Paint your face crimson and dress in all red and pretend you're a blood clot.
9. Pm miscellaneous bits of paper all over your bare body and pretend you're a bulletin board.
8. Stuff yourself with candy, plaster yourself with wet newspaper and go as a Mexican pinata.
7. Wear a diaper and go as your grandmother.

6. Set your hair on fire and pretend you're a candle.
5. Run around the halls naked and pretend you're a streaker.

4. Hop around with a baby in your pants and pretend you're a kangaroo.

3. Cover yourself in marshmallow topping, roll around in a pool of Rice Krispies and pretend you're a Rice Krispie treat.

2. Dress up as your brother and pretend you're a mistake.

...and the number one idea is...

1. Dress up in red and white and pretend you go to Mentor.

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'Bridge to the 21st century': who will build it?

DEMOCRATS vs. REPUBLICANS

For many of us, the 1996 presidential election is the most important election to date. Not only are we older and more informed about the issues than in any previous year, but many of our friends and classmates will finally be voting. Whoever wins this election will have a great impact on our first years in the "real world," influencing decisions on student loans for college, taxes and other policies that shape our lives. It is important for us to know about the issues at the core of this election so that we may make a smooth, knowledgeable transition into the next century and the rest of our lives.

Throughout this year's presidential campaign, Bill Clinton has maintained a sizable lead over Bob Dole. As Americans leap to the aid of the most scandalous president in recent history, one must wonder if they have really looked at the man they support. Clinton has attempted to endear himself to the American people with promises of change. Suspiciously, his promises are based on ideals that conservatives have been touting for years.

Unprecedented numbers of women are voting liberally this year. This is surprising because Clinton is a womanizer who has cheated on his wife countless times and been accused of sexual harassment. Women's groups ignore this and regard him as their hero against deadbeat dads and sexual discrimination.

Clinton came out in favor of school uniforms, the V-chip and other conservative reforms to protect American families from unhealthy exposure to violence and other social evils. Clinton's support of these reforms is unexpected considering that he has spent his life fighting against governmental attempts to restrain freedom of expression. He so strongly opposed governmental interference that he avoided service in the military during the Vietnam war. It is argued that a long time has passed since he made that decision, yet he proved his beliefs have not changed considerably when he appeared on MTV and made jokes about his own drug use. Could a president who acts this way, and has done little to curtail teen drug use possibly be sincere about promises to protect family values?

Do you really want to reelect a man who argued that a sexual harassment suit against him should be postponed until he leaves office? Or does it make more sense to vote for Bob Dole, who has originated almost all of the proposals for change that have defined this campaign? Based on current proposals, no matter who is victorious in the election, the nation's legislation will be moving more and more to the right. This leaves the question of who is better to lead the charge. Bob Dole has been in support of these ideals his entire political career while Bill Clinton has only lately realized what America really wants. Clinton has abandoned his own sinking liberal ship to embrace the ideals of the Republican party. Get this country out of its hole, vote for Dole.

—Brendan Masini, Co-A&E Editor

Republican Platform

The past four years:

"[Bill Clinton] inherited a growth of 4.7, 4.8 percent. Now it's down to about 2.4 percent. We're going to pass a million bankruptcies this year for the first time in history. We've got stagnant wages... Saddam Hussein is probably better off than he was four years ago... But are the American people?"

Role of Government:

"I think the basic difference is—and I've had some experience in this—I think the basic difference: I trust the people. The President trusts the government."

Drug Use in America:

"It wasn't until election year, Mr. President, you ever thought about stopping smoking. What about drugs that have increased, doubled, in the last 44 months? Cocaine is up 141 percent, or marijuana, cocaine is up 166 percent."

School Choice:

"Let's give low-income parents the same right that people of power and prestige have in America and let them go to better schools."

This election will significantly change our futures as college students and young adults. In addition to debating standard issues such as the budget, the environment, gun control and military spending, candidates must take a stand on what sort of opportunities they want the young to have.

President Clinton, a Democrat, made several proposals recently that if approved would directly benefit our generation. For instance, he proposed a \$1,500 tax credit for the first two years of college to make the typical community college education available to every citizen. Clinton also supports an expansion of Individual Retirement Accounts to allow young people to save tax free to buy a first home. In addition, he recently vetoed cuts in the student loan program.

Republican Senator Bob Dole, on the other hand, does not support the Direct Student Loan program and wants to shift costs of loan funding to private-sector lenders. However, Dole does support the voucher system—using Federal money to help parents pay private school tuition. He also supports a 15 percent tax cut, which would help relieve the financial burdens of young people starting out.

Whichever candidates we choose to support, we must realize that nothing will be done unless we voice our opinions and take an active part in the political process. That means voting, being informed, discussing the issues, and taking part in community political activities such as the Oct. 29 Mock Election.

Bill Clinton has maintained a sizable lead over Bob Dole throughout this election year, and with good reason. Bob Dole is spectacularly incoherent.

For indisputable evidence of his remarkable inability to communicate (or, and even scarier, the singular lack of coherent thoughts contained in his seventy-three-year-old head) one need only reread the transcripts of the first presidential debate. Not only did Dole entirely fail to answer the questions, he repeatedly contradicted himself, changed the subject, confused himself in the middle of a sentence, and even fabricated facts to suit his political motives.

For instance, when asked to single out an issue voters should hold in their minds when they vote, Dole responded,

"I respect the presidency. I've served under a number of Presidents. They all have their strengths, and they all have their weaknesses. So I'd rather talk about my strengths. I think I have my strengths."

And I think the best thing going for Bob Dole is that Bob Dole keeps his word. It's a question between trust and fear. People will tell you who served with Bob Dole, agree or disagree, he kept his word. That's what this race is all about.

First of all, this type of personal dissociation tends to be indicative of a serious psychological disorder. If Dole cannot even identify with himself, how can we possibly expect him to identify with the average American voter? Also, he sounds ridiculous. If teachers or administrators talked about themselves in the third person, we would laugh them right out of the classroom, through the halls, down the street, and back to wherever they camp out after the school-day is over.

Secondly, his response in no way indicates that he has any strong feelings about which issues voters should focus on. He merely wants them to know that "Bob Dole keeps his word."

Which is, in and of itself, subject to suspicion. Do we really want a president who keeps his promises—his promises to the tobacco companies who fund his campaign? Do we want a president who was a fiscal conservative for years, decrying budgetary magic thinking, who suddenly votes an unrealistic 15 percent tax cut when it becomes politically expedient? Do we want a divorced president who feels qualified to enforce family values? Clinton may not be a man of unimpeachable moral character; nobody is. But Bob Dole is, without question, a man entirely lacking moral character. Vote Clinton.

—Marie Frisof, Co-Opinion Editor

Democratic Platform

The past four years:

"Four years ago, you took me on faith. Now, there's a record: 10.5 million more jobs, rising incomes, falling crime rates and welfare roles, a strong America at peace. We are better off than we were four years ago."

Role of Government:

"I believe that the Federal Government should give people the tools to try and establish the conditions in which they can make the most of their own lives."

Drug Use in America:

"Over all in America, cocaine use has dropped 30 percent in the last four years, casual drug use down 13 percent... We just have to continue to work on this until those who think it isn't dangerous and won't kill them and won't destroy their lives get the message and change."

School Choice:

"If you're going to have a private voucher plan, that ought to be determined by states and localities where they're raising and spending most of the money. I simply think it's wrong to take money away from programs that are helping build basic skills for kids—90 percent of them are in the public schools—to take money away from programs that are helping our schools to improve their standards."

*Democratic and Republican Platforms extracted from the New York Times' reprint of the first presidential debate.

Playin' the grade game

Student applauds teachers who care about learning, not grades

BY MILES BERGER

Co-Editor-in-Chief

The advancement of knowledge. The education of the next generation. Such are the ideal goals of high school education.

Yet letter grades do not usually represent measurements of these ideal standards. Rather, they are an indication of how well the student plays the "grade game"—how well the student is able to turn in assignments and take tests by arbitrary deadlines. These measurements do not, however, really correlate with how much a student has learned. For instance, a student who gets Bs and Cs on tests and loses homework points because they are not good at meeting deadlines may still understand over 90 percent of the material and deserve an A. Will they get the A even if their grade comes out to a B or C? Probably not.



It is of course implausible to ask teachers to rearrange their entire lives to make sure that their grades are fair. Teachers do not have an infinite time to make sure that grades perfectly represent learning, but there are several exceptional teachers at this high school who deserve recognition for their efforts to this end. Physics teacher John Schutter and French teacher Ruth Berger in particular are two extraordinary teachers who deserve this highest praise.

Schutter's AP Physics grading policy is a perfect example of how a teacher, with a little inconvenience on his part, can truly make a difference whether students' grades represent true learning or the ability to play the "grade game." If a student does unusually poorly on one test, Schutter will let the student retake that test if it affects their semester grade.

Schutter asks for homework on given days but does not deduct points for late assignments. One might think that students would become procrastinators and slackers by taking advantage of these liberal grading policies, but that is not the case. Schutter's students respect his grading policy (and the respect it shows for them) and turn their work in close to deadline.



Berger's grading policies also deserve praise. She allows test re-takes if a student feels that a test grade does not represent his or her knowledge of a particular unit. She even lets students help determine their own test days. On the day of one quiz, when many French V students said they need-

ed more time to understand the material, she said, "I have no problem with letting you take the quiz tomorrow to give you an extra night to study if you think it would really help you learn. All I care about is your learning the material."

Berger accepted the inconvenience to her schedule and lesson plans because, as she said, the most important thing is that students learn. Knowledge is power, and the learning we do in school is our best preparation to lead meaningful lives. We should all look up to those teachers who recognize the importance of learning and are willing to inconvenience themselves to make sure that their grades accurately represent learning. They deserve our highest praise, and they stand as models of excellent teaching.

Later school hours would benefit students, parents

BY JESSICA WEEKS

Co-Opinion-Editor

Do you remember being seven years old, springing out of bed every morning at six o'clock, bounding down the hall, and frolicking on mom and dad's bed for 10 minutes? And then you had almost three hours to squander watching cartoons, playing, eating Fruit Loops one at a time, all before school started at 9:15. We had it made.

But gradually, those carefree days of daybreak delight changed. As we neared puberty, we found ourselves sleeping through the six o'clock hour. And at the same time, school began starting earlier. Suddenly, our youthful morning vigor was replaced with snooze buttons, tardy detentions and eye crust. Our happy mornings were shattered...breakfast was but a golden memory. And so we must spend the rest of our lives. But why high school?

Getting out of bed at seven o'clock every morning is the worst thing about these four years. The week looms ahead, ominous with clouds of homework, tests, papers...how we envy friends who have first period free. They are bright-eyed, energetic, exuberant. We instinctively know that all that separates us from these happy creatures is another 50 minutes of sleep. And we are right.

It's a known fact that during adolescence, our sleeping patterns change. We nat-

urally feel sleepy later, and wake up later too. With after-school sports, jobs and hours of homework, most high-schoolers I know don't go near their beds until almost midnight regardless of what time they have to get up. The result is a bunch of sleepy, grouchy teenagers.

So why are elementary school kids the ones who get an extra hour? This is senseless for a number of reasons. Young children

hour during which people have to find someone to take care of their young children, costing money and worry for a lot of families. The older siblings can be of no help because they have to leave for school at the same time as their parents.

The system should be set the other way around, so that younger kids go off to school and out of their parents' hair earlier and older kids get the rest they need in addition to being able to help get their siblings ready for school. This idea would work also because while elementary school kids walk or ride buses to school, high-schoolers usually carpool or drive themselves, all during rush hour. If school started at nine or nine-thirty, we would no longer battle the traffic as we do now.

Opponents of this proposal will probably say that we need to get ready for the real world, assume responsibility and learn to budget our time to get enough sleep. This is all true—later first bells should not be an excuse to go out on weeknights or stay up watching television. But the fact is most teenagers are suffering from a lack of sleep simply because they have so much to do. Also, next year many of us will be at college, where there are completely different schedules that have nothing to do with either high school or the "real world."

But until we change the rules, forsake the Fruity Pebbles, forget the Flintstones, and just try to get to bed on time.



have no trouble getting up. They get up at six o'clock on weekends. Their being at home until almost nine creates a problem for the parents. As more and more women enter the work force, that means that fewer and fewer parents are home to take care of the kids. Most parents with competitive jobs must leave the house well before eight to beat the traffic and get to work. That leaves over an

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Newby disappointed in first edition of Shakerite

To the Editor:

This year's first *Shakerite* was disappointing. The central editorial, "The Rite Idea," cast the telling of private jokes with initials as an inalienable freedom of speech and the last outlet of creativity, and another editorial, by the Co-Editor-in-Chief, characterized a faculty discussion of dress codes as disrespectful to students. In both instances, I found the *Shakerite's* position off target, and I was even more disappointed by the absence of several significant pieces of school news.

The opening of school this year included several major efforts to improve teaching and learning. Among these were the mid-summer collection of student fees and emergency medical forms, changes in the course level change policy, a dramatically revised freshman orientation, the addition of an evening activity fair and ice cream social to the first week of school, and extended homerooms to address school issues.

Many of initiatives involved the entire student body. The freshman orientation was fully planned and led by Student Council and required the volunteer efforts of over 100 upperclassmen. The Activity Fair generated greater and earlier co-curricular interest than normal and featured over 20 clubs. The mid-summer collection process was a very difficult undertaking but garnered needed funds for student activities and eliminated a chronic distraction from the opening days of school. The revised level change policy stabilized class enrollments, creating an improved atmosphere for learning.

Despite the significance of these efforts and the fact that they were brought to the *Shakerite's* attention, none received any coverage.

The *Shakerite* has a long tradition of serving Shaker Heights High School. Previous editors have understood their responsibility to report significant stories and to address serious issues. However, as noted above, this year's *Shakerite* is indulging in exaggerated complaints about trivial matters when it should be paying attention to more substantive stories, including the many efforts to improve Shaker.

Shaker's newly reorganized Student Council has just entered its second year of service. Student Council members just returned from their second annual Leadership Camp, and Student Council has organized a Spirit Week to be concluded by a student-led pep rally. Will the *Shakerite* ignore these efforts as well?

—Dr. Bill Newby, Chair of Curriculum & Instruction

Editor's note:

The goal of the *Shakerite* is to reflect students' interests, which are not necessarily analogous to the technical changes made by the administration. The stories covered last issue were those we judged to be of greatest importance to the student body. The issues discussed in Newby's letter were not covered last issue because they were either not timely or unlikely to spark student interest. Although Newby characterized issues such as the controversy surrounding senior quotes as "trivial" and "frivolous," our coverage was actually a response to student requests for publicity. We also addressed respect, voting, and the strike.

Hello again!

Welcome to another edition of the *Shakerite*! We would like to thank Dr. Newby for taking the time to write a response to last issue even though we disagreed with his comments. We hope that the rest of the school will give us input as well. We are always looking for meaningful letters to the editor and will print anything that shows serious thought regardless of the opinion expressed. Also, we apologize to Najah Farley for forgetting to give her credit for the many quotes she collected for last issue's strike article. And finally, we urge all 18-year-olds to register to vote while there is still time. America is in your hands! —MF & J.W

And the nominees are...

CLINTON

Democratic candidate:

- Bill Clinton, 50 years old
- Attended Georgetown University, Yale University and Oxford University
- Served as Arkansas Attorney General, Arkansas Governor and President
- Married to Hillary Rodham Clinton, with one daughter, Chelsea

Abortion: Supports the right to choose and favors federal funding for abortions for government employees and military personnel.

Affirmative Action: Plans to reduce race-based preferences for federal contracts. To accomplish this he plans to stop set-aside programs for two years.

Crime: Clinton hopes to continue funding for COPS program, hiring 100,000 new police officers. He wants to ban "cop-killer" bullets, as well as assault weapons in general, and prevent those guilty of domestic violence from buying guns.

Environment: Vetoes weakening of Clean Water Act, supports Endangered Species Act. Running mate Al Gore is an environmental enthusiast.



Censorship on the Internet: Supports "Clipper Chip" to block out material inappropriate for children.

Economy: Promises targeted tax cuts and a reduced deficit. Says he will not cut Social Security, Medicaid or Medicare, while increasing minimum wage.

DOLE

Republican candidate:

- Bob Dole, 73 years old
- Attended University of Kansas
- Served as Senator and Senate Majority Leader
- Served during World War II in Italy and was wounded
- Married to Elizabeth Dole, with one daughter, Robin, from a previous marriage

Abortion: Favors a ban on "partial-birth abortions," does not support government funding of abortions.

Affirmative Action: Proposed legislation to end all race or gender based preferences for federal grants.

Crime: Wishes to build more prisons, wants to try juveniles charged with violent felonies as adults in federal court and would require prisoners to work 40 hours a week.

Environment: Wishes to limit the classification of new endangered species, wants to allow oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the sale of federally owned parks/wilderness.

Censorship on the Internet: Believes it is the parent's responsibility to screen material.



Economy: Promises a 15 percent tax cut across-the-board, to cut the capital gains tax in half and promises to balance the budget by 2002. Promises no major cuts in Social Security, Medicaid, or Medicare, wants to give control over job training to states.

If the polls were open today, which candidate would take home the presidency? The following survey reveals who the student and teachers of Shaker would pick for their president.

Survival of the fittest

The votes are in!

We asked the students and teachers of Shaker if the ballots were cast today, who would they vote for, for president of the United States. Below is a list of the results.

Bill Clinton	78%
Bob Dole	8%
Ross Perot	5%
Ralph Nader and Harry Browne	4%



Shakerite survey of 200 students and teachers

Alternative Parties

The Green Party

Candidate: Environmental activist Ralph Nader

Mission: Standing for peace, social justice and the environment, the Green party plans to broaden the agenda to include the critical issue of corporate power over our political institutions while bringing young people into the political process.

- Platform:**
1. Ecological wisdom
 2. Grassroots democracy
 3. Feminism
 4. Decentralized government
 5. Personal responsibility
 6. Respect for diversity
 7. Non-violence
 8. Community based economy
 9. Social justice
 10. Focus on the future

The Libertarian Party

Candidate: Harry Browne

Mission: The Libertarian Party stands for individual liberty, self responsibility, and freedom from the government.

- Platform:**
1. Dramatically reduce the government, with very strict interpretation of the constitution
 2. Repeal income tax and abolish the IRS within the first year
 3. No social security, 15 percent income tax
 4. Slash budget 50 percent
 5. Balance the budget by selling off federal assets
 6. End all welfare
 7. End public education, revert back to private institutions
 8. Crime-pardon all crimes the first day in office, and empty all of the prisons
 9. Drugs-legalize all formerly illegal drugs
 10. Health care would not be run by the government

PEROT

Independant Candidate:

- H. Ross Perot, 66 years old
- Texarcana Junior College and U.S. Naval Academy
- Served in Navy for four years.
- Married to Margot Birmingham Perot, with five children, Nancy, Suzanne, Carolyn, Katharine and Ross, Jr

Abortion: Believes it is the mother's decision, but still thinks abortion is tragic.

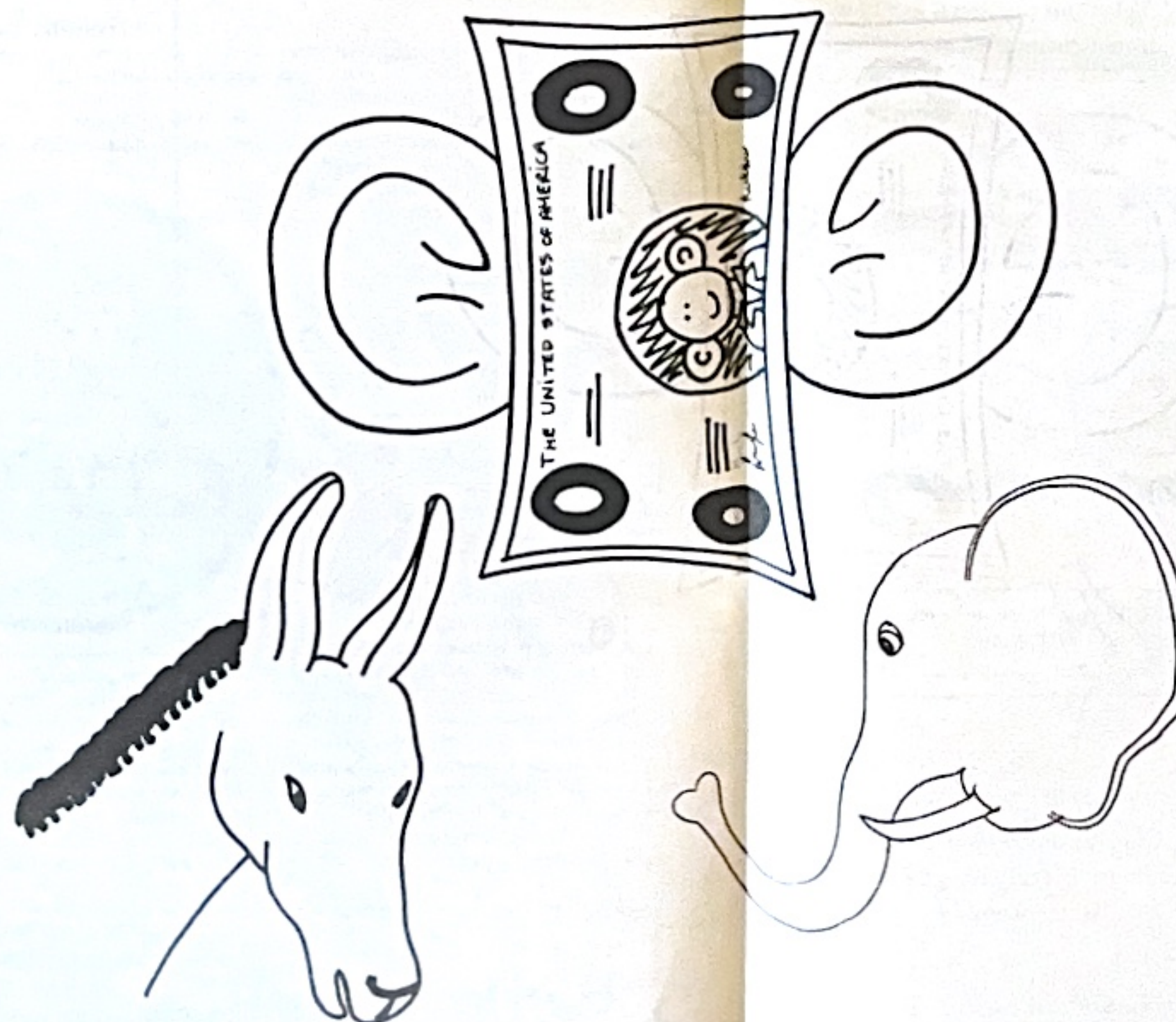
Crime: Wants life sentences without parole for people convicted of three violent crimes, would require literacy and job skills for release from prison, and would fight drug production all throughout the Western hemisphere.

Environment: Would make it harder for polluters to lobby by eliminating gifts to White House officials and members of Congress.

Economy: Wants a paperless tax system, would require that all tax increases be approved by voters and wants a balanced budget amendment, believes government should provide citizens with annual financial report. Wishes to overhaul Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and opposes NAFTA and the trade deficit.



Election reform: Wants to hold elections on Saturdays and Sundays instead of Tuesdays, and wishes to eliminate the Electoral College to insure direct election of the president. Perot supports term limits for members of Congress.



Political summaries of the candidates compiled by staff reporter Graham Lantz

Cartoonures by Mia Berberat

Artwork by Rebecca Marshall

Information collected by Co-Feature Editor Toby Bulloff

Top 10 Worst Albums of All Time:

1. Jimmy Cross, *I Want My Baby Back*
2. Zara Leander, *Wunder Bar*
3. Legendary Stardust, *Cowboy Paralyzed*
4. Pat Campbell, *The Deal*
5. Nervous Norvovs, *Transfusion*
6. Jess Conrad, *This Pullover*
7. Mel & Dave, *Spinning Wheel*
8. Dicky Lee, *Laurie*
9. Mrs. Miller, *A Lover's Concerto*
10. Tania Day, *I Get So Lonely*

Shakerite Source: The Top Ten of Everything 1996

Rants and Raves brings the goods

BY NED SACKMAN
Co-A&E Editor

Brendan and I have been searching high and low to come up with the most provocative and pertinent topics for this month's *Rants and Raves*. We plan to touch on the important issues of our age: movies, music and Mr. Bean.

Time Bandits- Fourteen midgets travel through time and steal stuff. A great movie for the entire family, except for families of midgets.

"Spanish Caravan," by The Doors- One of their best songs that properly showcases Jim Morrison's haunting vocals and Robby Krieger's fluttering Spanish guitar.

All in the Family- It is hard to believe that a show like this could have ever been on television. It is also hard to believe that ignorance could be so funny.

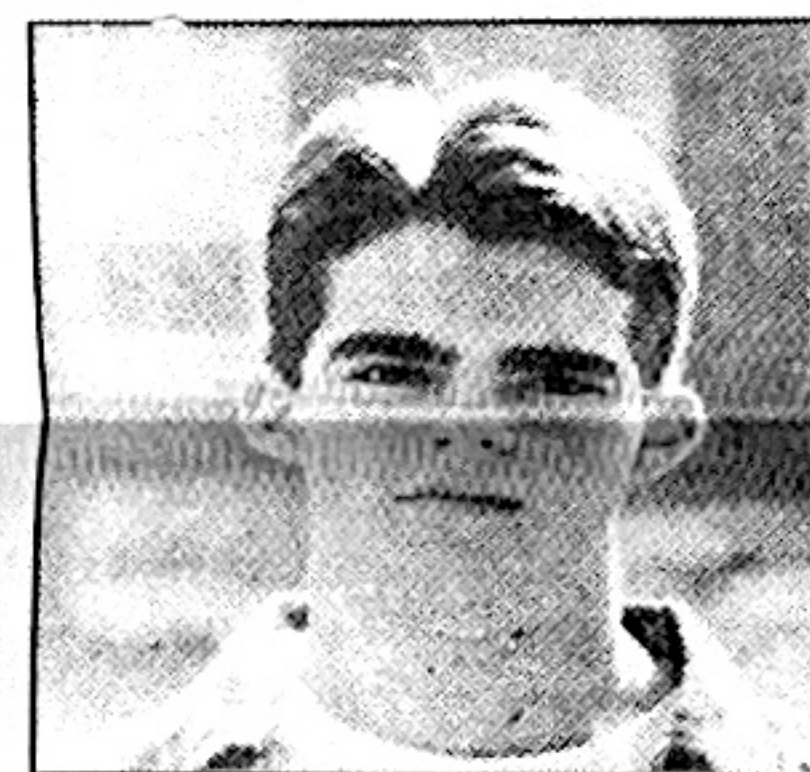
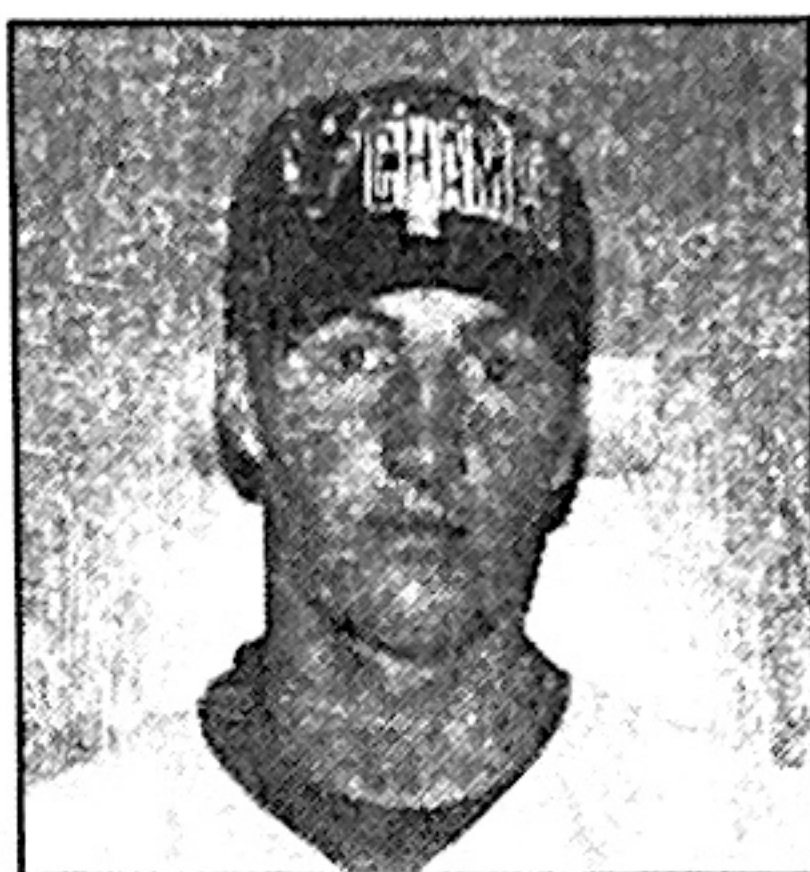
Cranberry Floats- There's nothing like the combination of sour cran and sweet vanilla. It can really take the edge off a dry mouth.

The Conan O'Brien Show- Sure, he's not David Letterman, but he has a Harvard degree and an enormous head. More importantly, he is funny in the same self-deprecatory (Oldie Olson), off-beat (Pimp-Bot 2000) way.

Credence Clearwater Revival- They hold the distinction of being one of the only famous bands from their era in which nobody died. CCR just consistently laid down one no-nonsense hit after another.

Mr. Bean- Whenever I make a sandwich, I cut the bread with scissors. Wouldn't Rowan Atkinson, England's unofficial ambassador to the United States, be proud?

Golf- One of the only games you can look forward to playing until you're eighty. A game that can be enjoyed by anyone, regardless of skill level (I carry a thirty-five stroke handicap), and now with the advent of shortened clubs, height. Just be careful not to hit any people while you are playing.



BY BRENDAN MASINI
Co-A&E Editor

Rejoice, readers. My monthly morsels of quaint yet quality quips concerning random reactions to relevant topics, *Rants and Raves*, returns.

The Circus- Go to the circus: see the clowns, see the lions, see the daredevils, see the elephants, see the acrobats, see the man on stilts fall down. Laugh.

Wool Socks- Wool socks allow you to wear sandals even when it gets real cold out. "Brrrr, it's cold, but my toes are toasty."

Old School Rap- L.L. Cool J, DJ Flash, Fat Boys, Young MC and Run D.M.C. really used to kick it with much flava'. Nothing now compares to how it was back in the day.

Space Ghost, Coast to Coast- Space Ghost, Moltar, Zorak and the gang have the most popular (and the only) cartoon talk show on television. Call your cable operator for the Cartoon Network. Moltar, obey!

ESPN2, Cartoon Network, History Channel, Comedy Channel, M2- These are all networks that Shaker Heights does not get on cable. How we have survived so long I just don't know.

Chicken Pot Pie- Really a chicken pie in a pot. Chicken Pie Pot doesn't sound good, so we'll deal with it and eat our Chicken Pot Pie.

Scooby Doo- Come ride in the Scooby van with your Scooby snacks. Don't forget your Scooby Doo Underoos.

Hangman- Rekindle your youth with this classic game of riddles. Hint: no one has ever figured out "Skizki's Vortex."

Vortexes- Most people really like vortexes, yet they are not completely sure of what a vortex is. It is a whirling mass of water forming a vacuum at its center, into which objects are drawn. Get to know one.

Thirty-three- Nothing beats a good old fashioned game of hoops, but if you can't shoot free throws (like me), this version isn't for you. I still can't believe Scott beat me 33-7.

What's? Goin' On?

Hey. What's up? I bet that you skipped reading this part and went directly to the list of shows. If you are reading this then what you just read probably did not make much sense because you are clearly reading this and not the list of shows. Either way it is not important and this is what's going on...

☛ **Chris Isaak-** Lakewood Civic Auditorium, Oct. 25

☛ **Ekoostik Hookah-** The Odeon, Oct. 31

☛ **Gravity Kills-** The Odeon, Nov. 5

☛ **The Who-** Gund Arena, Nov. 6

☛ **The Twist-Offs-** Peabody's, Nov. 7

☛ **Big Head Todd and the Monsters-** Canton Palace Theater, Nov. 9

☛ **Better than Ezra-** The Odeon, Nov. 12

☛ **Stabbing Westward-** The Odeon, Nov. 15

☛ **Mighty Mighty Boss-Tones-** The Odeon, Nov. 19

☛ **Bob Dylan-** E.J. Thomas Hall, Nov. 23

☛ **Crash Test Dummies-** The Odeon, Nov. 25

Ticket information is available from ticketmaster at 241-5555.

REVIEW

Two thumbs down for *2 Days in the Valley*

BY SCOTT FULLER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

I saw *Pulp Fiction*. I didn't like it. I saw *From Dusk 'Til Dawn*. I hated it. I haven't seen *Reservoir Dogs*, *Destiny Turns on the Radio* or *Four Rooms* (I strongly doubt I will), and I suspect I wouldn't care for those much either. The common thread between these movies is that Quentin Tarantino had a hand in writing or directing all of them. As an actor, I like him very much (his performance in *From Dusk 'Til Dawn* is one of the better parts of the movie, along with the fact that one of the characters is named Scott Fuller). If he had been the writer or director of *Desperado*, a fantastic movie, I might have forgiven him (his brief cameo in this movie is hilarious). Sadly, he was not, and thus the obvious conclusion can be drawn that, at least in my humble opinion, anything written or directed by Tarantino is pretty stinky.

To my knowledge *2 Days in the Valley* had no direct connection to Tarantino. This is fine, but writer-director John Herzfeld made the terrible mistake of imitating Tarantino's style as closely as possible. I have difficulty describing exactly what this style is—"weird" I suppose sums it up best—and as in *Pulp Fiction* the plot follows a tangled web of character subplots until they come together in the end and their relationship becomes clear. In this film, a bloody murder is the central event in the story, and we follow the related storylines of the 10 significant players, each a little off his rocker (in typical Tarantino fashion).

The characters themselves are fairly entertaining individually. Each actor had a good showing with the role he/she was given, although unfortunately that is never enough to compensate for a poor plot in general. Yes, Teri Hatcher of *Lois & Clark* fame is indeed in the movie, but she is overwhelmingly overshadowed by the debut of South African model Charlize Theron, who just so happens to get naked. A big plus, but I'm afraid it didn't save this one.



2 Days in the Valley. It looks better on the marquee than inside the theatre.

What are you listening to?

☛ "I've been listening to a lot of older music like Jimi Hendrix and Parliament because I've been checking out old records around the house," junior Erik Johnson said.

☛ "I listen to rap music because I'm 'bout it," senior Ryan Swanson said.

☛ "I like to listen to a lot of different styles of music because that is what I grew up with," sophomore David Andrikanich said.

☛ "I've been listening to Dave Matthews Band because it is mellow and very relaxing," senior Yoon Hwang said.

☛ "Phish is on the stereo this instant because they have a great sound and they are great in concert," senior Mike Malangoni said.

☛ "I listen to any music that doesn't have garbage in it because I don't need that in my mind," freshman Gabrielle Caldwell said.

Hudson's house: a hair-raising experience

BY JESSICA WEEKS

Co-Opinion Editor

Hudson is far away. So after the 40-minute drive it took us to get there, we were ready for our hair to turn white. And surprisingly, the Hudson Haunted House part-timers in plastic masks and fake gorilla suits didn't do a bad job.

But since good things come to those who wait, first we waited. For a while. Time passed quickly admiring the nifty glow-in-the-dark entrance stamps that adorned our hands as a prize for paying the \$6 entrance fee.

Finally, we made it to the door. In groups of five, we blindly stumbled through the twisting path of horror as garish ghouls popped out at us with chainsaws and other weapons of mutilation. This was pretty scary, as long as you were the first or second person in line. If you were in the back, it was fun to see your friends get scared. Sort of.

But after about four minutes of terror, it was over. We were casually ejected into the parking lot and had the rest of the evening to fill. But first we had to drive home.

And Hudson is far away.

Some other haunts of interest...

Mr. Fun's Costumes- The area's #1 costume shop for over 16 years. Largest selection of costume rentals in Northeast Ohio. (330) 923-3339

The Odyssey- Extensive selection of costumes and a staff that is happy to help. 562-1523

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Haunted Hollow- 22 rooms of suspense, including the Mummy Room and the Suspended Bridge of Terror. 351-FEAR

Haunted Hill Farm- Nature's most terrifying secrets are revealed on the Haunted Hayride through the Wicked Woods. Redesigned with special effects and props. (330) 666-6782



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No Nightmare in Painesville

BY ADAM MARKS

Staff Reporter

I just happened to be out near Painesville last Friday night, hanging around with my friends when the question came up of what there was to do in Painesville. The overwhelming answer was "not much," until someone remembered the town's main attraction this time of year, the much-hyped Nightmare in Painesville haunted house. A short ride later we were there.

Upon arrival at the ticket window following a 20-minute search for a parking spot and an equally long walk, we debated over whether an \$11 price tag and an hour wait would be justified. We made the wrong choice and stepped into line for the attraction.

The Nightmare in Painesville is made up of four huge haunted houses spread out at the Lake County Fairgrounds. All of the lines are under tents and there is one price for all of the attractions. Although there are a lot of options, none of them were truly frightening. The greatest moments of the evening were not the result of the "horrific" haunted fairgrounds, but rather in harassing the "scary" workers.

Overall, despite excellent strobe lights and fog effects in the "Terrordome," I think my \$11 could have been better spent

I'm right and you're wrong: a controversial debate over music

Grandpa, may I please borrow your records?

Dave loves that funky old school music

BY DAVID DEMING

Staff Reporter

Ever since the first caveman banged a couple of rocks together (to remind the first cavewoman to bring him his supper), the human race has embraced a tradition of life with music.

I like old music. I don't know why. Perhaps a piece of music or an artist must age well, like old wine in the musty cellar of my mind. The music must carefully ferment and age in seclusion for at least a few years so that when I discover it, it will bubble and fizz excitedly, yet still keep its powerful and distinct flavor.

But I digress. I don't really distinguish as much between different genres of music. I like classical music and listen to it frequently (Beethoven, Mozart, Handel, Vivaldi), but I can't stand that new age crap they synthesize in a studio and call art.

Ever since I was in junior high I have liked REM, but I hated their last two albums.

I'm a big fan of Marvin Gaye, Al

Green, and The Four Tops, but the high-pitched whinings of "Ooh, baby" and "I'm gonna lick you and freak you" that are played on the radio these days is only music by the greatest and most fantastic stretch of the imagination.

I love old funk like Parliament, Kool and the Gang and the Gap Band. And yes, folks, I even listen to the Fat Boys. If you don't believe me, I invite you all out to my car for a quality listening experience on my sheepskin seats, and with my dice swinging from the mirror.

"...I invite you all out to my car for a quality listening experience on my sheepskin seats..."

Maybe in five years I will like today's new music. I don't quite know why it's like this with me. Maybe music these days is too focused on image and not as much on the integrity of the piece itself. Maybe I find today's popular divergences from groundbreaking bands like Parliament and REM distasteful and not quite up to the standards of their predecessors. Maybe it's the upstart rebel in me, hair rustling in the wind, unwilling to submit to the popular opinion, fiercely independent and with an attitude to match. But most likely of all, it is because new CD's cost up to \$15. I can buy used tapes from the discount rack for \$2.99.

Sure, sonny, if I can borrow your rap CD's

Scott loves to jam to the hip new tunes

BY SCOTT FULLER

Co-Editor-in-Chief

I graciously allowed Dave to write his article first, so I could read his foolish words, defend the music I so enjoy, and then berate him endlessly without having to worry about him getting in the final word, as he most often does.

However, to my surprise, Dave made some excellent points (along with many poor ones), and his fine taste in music is to be commended. Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops and Al Green, along with the others he mentioned, are all superb musicians that sang some great songs.

Old music is indeed quality music, I certainly cannot deny. My home collection contains albums by The Jackson 5, Parliament, Zapp & Roger and Isaac Hayes, and recordings such as *The Motown Singles Collection* and the *Dead Presidents* soundtrack.

Yet as I suspected, Dave had to go wrong somewhere, and that is in regards to his shallow analysis of new music. He stereotypes all R&B songs of today as

containing lyrics like "I'm gonna lick you and freak you." To an extent this is true, but surely he can see beyond the lyrics.

The example I simply must use is Jodeci. Although they are my favorite group of the past or present by far, at times they use lyrics that are fairly inappropriate. But more importantly, their smooth rhythms and sultry vocals have stayed sweet through all three albums, and whether the title be "Cry For You," or "Freak 'n You," we could always count on them to keep the track funky.

"I envy Dave for his car...but I cannot applaud him for his narrow-minded choice of music in it."

It seems unfair to categorize all musicians of today as money-grubbers who are "too focused on image," when groups like Boyz II Men churn out hit songs that will one day be classics no matter what their image might be. Furthermore, the artists of the past that Dave speaks of have influenced the artists of today. I have never expected people who despise this type of music to understand, but I had hoped those like Dave who claim to like R&B would.

I envy Dave for his car with the sheepskin seats and the dice hanging from the mirror, but I cannot applaud him for his narrow-minded choice of music in it.



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Excerpts from "Wet Dream", a song by Kip Addotta

We went to a club to hear a band play. They played a great little tuna called 'Salmonchanted Evening.' There were a whole bunch of groupers standing in front of the stage cheering for the bass player. I gave him a left hook and he eeled right over. He was lying on the floor, kelpless. I was worried, so I told somebody to call in a sturgeon.

Halloween for Teens

Costumes are from Party City Warehouse in Parma Heights, and range in price from \$20 to \$40.

All dressed up . . .

Shakerite photos by Iahn Gonsenhausen



Beauty and the Beast
Above, freshman Cheryl Blackwell attempts to disco down the Nile in her Cleopatra costume. Senior Phil Chung seems to prefer the silent, scaly type. (left)



Dressed for success
Blackwell walks like an Egyptian as freshman Jade Tipton fixes her sleeve so she can be the Belle of the ball. (above) To the left, Blackwell and Tipton have made a quick switch. Blackwell is dressed as Morticia from the Addams family, while Tipton seems to be a psychotic french maid. Chung has once again chosen the anonymous look. In fact, he has eliminated his face altogether. (far left)



So where do you go?

"The theater is usually packed to the brim at The Rocky Horror Picture Show on Halloween night, and everybody comes in costume. Last year I was in the production, and this year I will go as a spectator. It gives people a place to go and just be themselves."

- senior Peleg Horowitz

"I just think I'm too old to trick-or-treat. I mean, I can't exactly pass as some cutesy little bunny anymore. Last year I passed out candy to all the little kids and dressed as some crazed housewife. That was a great thrill."

- freshman Sarah Kangas

"I'm not going out for myself even though it's fun. I'm taking my little niece and nephew."

- junior Percy Turner

"I usually throw a party where people come in costume and act out their characters for the evening. Halloween is one of my favorite holidays."

- senior Mineh Ishida

"If Halloween fell on a weekend, I would probably do something. But usually it happens that I have school the next day."

-senior Eric Doll

Shakerite quotes compiled by Toby Bulloff

Rising star

Senior James Bates has original CD in the works

BY TOBY BULLOFF
Co-Feature editor



Shakerite photo courtesy of Todd Martin

Senior James Bates can add becoming a recording artist to his profile as a musical theatre leader and active participant in the choirs.

He said he began to nurture his talent in fourth grade when he started singing with the Singing Angels. He continued to develop his talent through ninth grade in the Angels.

At the high school, Bates participates in the A Capella choir and Chanticleers. He performed in the Cleveland Martin Luther King, Jr. arts competition and the Shaker talent show. He also performed principal roles in the theatre department musicals. He envisions a musical career because of these successes.

"It has always been my dream to be a musician," Bates said.

Bates teamed up last April with seniors Mark Baranauskas, Will Eadie and Gabe Pilar to begin seriously recording under their Funkalot Inc. music label. Funkalot is responsible for "selling" Bates to a higher company such as Sony or Death Row.

Bates had written song lyrics previously and welcomed the idea of setting them to Funkalot's music. Bates describes his musical style as "R & B with a kick of funk."

Eadie, the manager of Funkalot, said that he is in the process of creating a portfolio package for Bates which includes a CD, artwork, photography and clothing.

Bates said his hit "Lovin'" has gotten some airtime and respect around the school.

Bates said his recording is a life-long dream fulfilled and a great experience for anyone to try.

"Recording, for me, has broadened the way I perceive music. Now I know all the work that goes on behind the scenes," Bates said.

Pilar, Baranauskas, Eadie, and Bates are considering taking a year off before college to continue recording. Bates is hopeful he can create a career from his hobby. He said he would still like to be singing, writing, and recording 10 years from now.

"I want to take this to the limit— as far as I can go!"

James at a Glance

- ☆ Student council member
- ☆ Chanticleer member
- ☆ In Shaker theatre productions including *Oliver*, *Guys and Dolls*, *New Stages XIV*
- ☆ Choir officer
- ☆ In Zigeunerleben octet, high school singing group

Purple Rain on our parade:

Students compare Homecoming festivities around Cleveland

BY NICOLE SUTCLIFFE
Co-Centerpiece editor

Fall means the leaves change color, sport seasons are in full force and the age old tradition of Homecoming is near.

Perhaps the one common link high schools share is the traditional fall dance. Shaker is no exception, but how do we measure up?

According to sophomore Caroline Sombat, Shaker's Homecoming was a good time. She also attended Benedictine's homecoming on Sept. 22.

"Shaker had many people while Benedictine was kind of empty. I had more fun at Shaker because of the friends I went with," Sombat said.

Junior Meredith Sorin, who attended Homecoming dances at Shaker and Mentor, agreed with Sombat.

"Mentor announced the

winners of Homecoming court in the middle of the dance which made it really nice. I had more fun at Mentor because the music was better and it was nice to go with a date rather than friends," Sorin said.

Music was a major factor for students in determining the enjoyment of the dance. According to junior Mary Shaker's music needed more variety.

"At Glenville they played a mix which continued, but at Shaker I think some students were offended when they played a lot of Rap and R&B," Mary said.

Sorin also said that Shaker did not have enough musical variety.

"Mentor's music was not all rap. They had a broader mix. Listening to 92.3 would give you the same effect, and they played more techno, which I like," Sorin said.

Another Homecoming tradition is the picture set up. Senior Dawn Davis, who also attended the Glenville dance, was not impressed with the Shaker photo background.

"They only had an arch of balloons, nothing special. Different schools had pillars and other more elaborate decorations," Davis said.

Mary said that although the pictures were not unique, the decorations fit the theme well.

"Glenville didn't really have a theme. At Shaker you saw the theme more. It stuck with you," Mary said.

Davis, on the other hand, was disappointed with Shaker decorations.

"It looked like the social room, only with balloons. There was nothing really extravagant, nothing special," Davis said.

** name changed*



O Raider, our Raider
For the first time in three years, we have a school mascot to lead the cheers at games and get the crowds excited. The Raider made his debut appearance at this year's Homecoming football game against Parma. Most students were proud to have the Raider leading them again.

Shakerite photo by Iahn Gonsenhauser

	Shaker	Glenville	Benedictine	Mentor
Location	school gym	school gym	school gym	school gym
Theme	Purple Rain	no theme	no theme	The Best of Times
Music	Mostly rap with occasional slow songs and oldies Not enough variety	A good mix of rap and R&B Too few slow songs	Mostly rap with some slow numbers thrown in	Good mix Jammin' 92.3 style
School Spirit	Decorations fit theme well Football game and parade pumped everyone up	Lots of freedom Good time	Football game night before Decorations were great—signs and balloons Nice photography	Excellent spirit Homecoming court announced at dance Football game and parade
Overall Rating				
Rating System	Make it a Blockbuster™ night		Make an appearance, but make plans to leave early and party	Da Bomb!

Sticky fingers

Local businesses crack down, but student shoplifting continues

BY RACHEL ZINN
Co-Feature editor

Do you ever get the feeling that you are being watched?

If you are browsing in a store, chances are that you are correct. The staff are probably watching to make sure you do not shoplift.

According to a worker at the Yum Yum Tree, observing customers is the best way for stores to defend against shoplifting.

"We do have a problem with shoplifting, but it's not just kids who steal— it's everybody. You've just got to be aware all the time about who's in the store at every moment," she said.

William Camerlin, an officer with Shaker Square Security, said the average age of shoplifters depends on the area being discussed.

"In urban areas, shoplifters are generally middle-aged people who steal items they can sell for quick cash. When you move out into the suburbs, then you have kids shoplifting for the thrill," Camerlin said.

Junior Darnitta Bryant said her friends

often steal cigars from Walgreens, but they do not take them for the thrill.

"Cigars are easy to take, so people would rather take them than pay for them. They just take them out of the box and put them in their pockets. I don't know of anybody who has been caught," Bryant said.

Senior Holly Bosley also knows people who steal small items for their personal use.

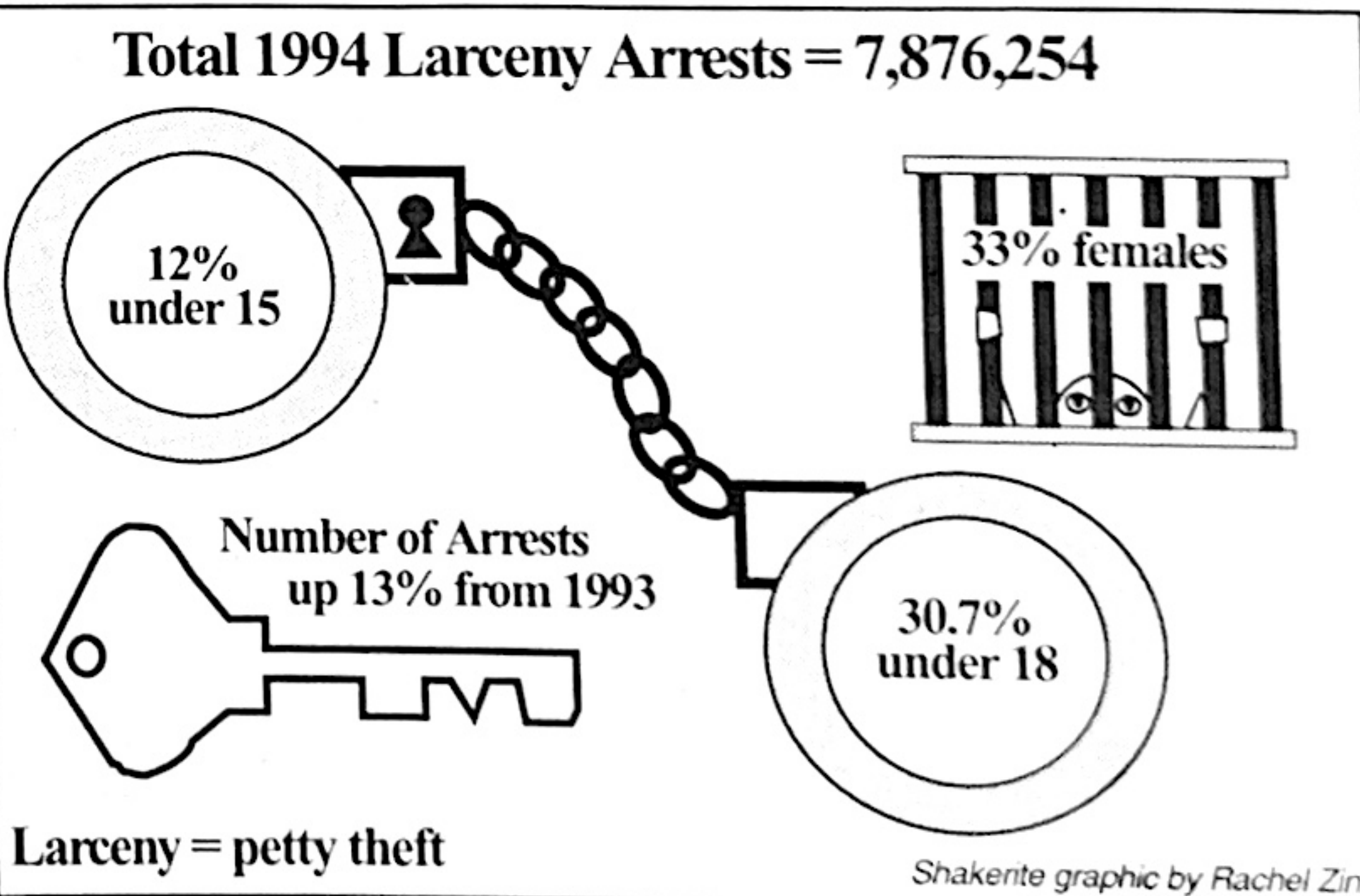
"Students steal from K-Mart and other cheap stores, like Claire's. They steal little things, like underwear, make-up, and jewelry," Bosley said.

Jim Peloquin, store manager of Walgreens, said that their store must take precautions against this type of theft.

"We electronically tag the merchandise so that an alarm at the front goes off if the cashier does not remove the tag. We also have a security guard here at night as another deterrent for shoplifters," Peloquin said.

However, according to junior Greg Morrison, high school students do not only steal small items. Students steal clothes and electronics that they can sell.

"You could just go out on the street



and pull someone aside to tell them what item you have to sell. That happens a lot with stolen watches and gold chains. With other stuff like electronics, most of the time the students who steal it sell it to people they know," Morrison said.

Even small thefts can add up to heavy

losses for businesses.

"Students make up about half of our shoplifters, but they don't take the expensive items. We can lose up to \$200 a day just from shoplifting," Peloquin said.

Just remember, sticky fingers, they're watching you.

COMMENTARY

Spirit solution: night games

BY SCOTT FULLER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of Shaker Heights High School is the lack of school spirit here. Hardly anyone wears red and white on spirit days, pep rallies are contrived and half-hearted, nobody seems to take any pride in our athletic and academic successes, and attendance at sporting events, with some exceptions, is downright embarrassing.

Certainly these problems are difficult to cure, and I strongly doubt this one little editorial will suddenly cause an explosion of enthusiasm throughout the student body. In fact, I have enough difficulty getting myself to show a little more gusto in regards to school spirit.

To give aid to the situation I look instead to a greater, more powerful entity in this esteemed community: the administration. "What can they possibly do?" I suppose you are asking. Their many attempts to promote school spirit have indeed been failures. However, in my eyes at least, one teeny-tiny change could make a dramatic difference in the attitude of our students. The magical remedy: night games.

If you have never attended a twilight athletic event, you are simply missing the thrill of competition at its greatest. The air is crisp, the moon is eerily watchful, and the dark inky sky surrounding the stadium gobbles up everything, leaving the bright sanctuary of the lights illuminating the stadium. Emotions are magnified both on the field and in the stands, and the atmosphere is electric. This is the atmosphere that ignites school spirit, the atmosphere so dearly needed at our school.

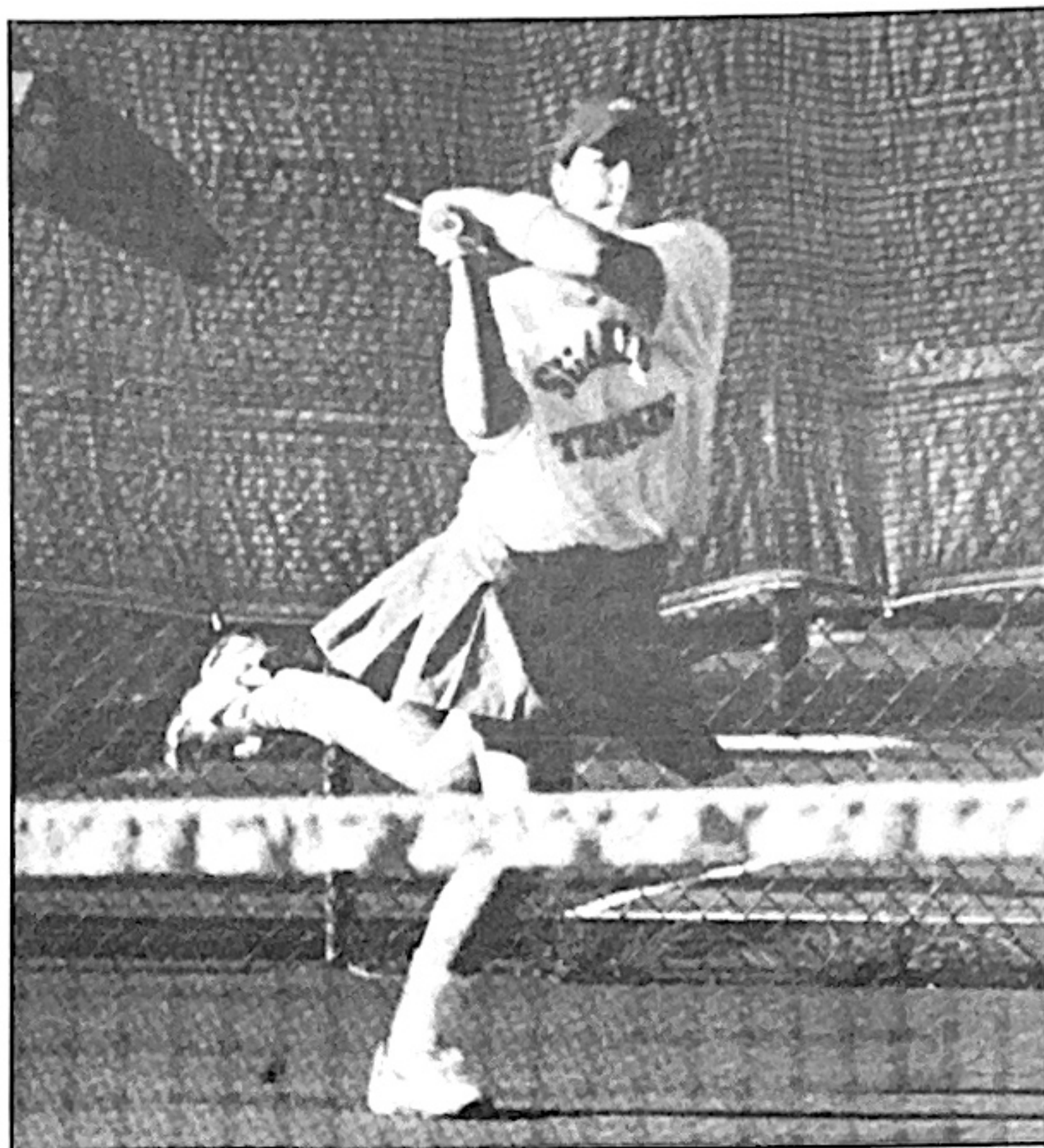
Shaker hockey, for example, is one sport that has recognized the advantages of playing at night. On Friday nights the team plays in front of a packed house at Thornton Park. Subsequently, the team has elevated its game for the fans, and the team has been successful because of it.

I am not aware of the obstacles that stand in the way, but nevertheless the school district surely must see the advantages of giving a similar opportunity to some other sports. They could kill three birds with one stone: school unity improves, a weekend activity is provided for students "to keep us out of trouble" (those school dances don't really work), and the school could even make some money out of it.

Recently the men's soccer team won the Lake Erie League championship, and earned the top seed in the district tournament. While they had the right to home field advantage throughout the play-offs, they declined. Why do such a thing? Because the atmosphere here at Shaker just is not quite the same as playing a night game on the road—the big stadium, the lights, the national anthem, the announcer, the large crowds—all that neat stuff.

The soccer team would have loved to play like this at home if they could have. And I see no reason why in the future this can't be so.

Women's tennis ends big season Team sends top doubles team to states!



Smash! Senior Lyndsey Mirmelstein rules the tennis court.

Shakerite photo by Iahn Gonsenhauser

BY EMILY HOFFMAN
Staff Reporter

Shaker women's tennis has enjoyed a unified and unexpectedly successful season with players advancing to triumphant post-season matches.

The team won the LEL division this year and they would have won the state championship if they had won two more games.

"This was the year to win the LEL, and we won it," senior co-captain Erica Labovitz said.

Two significant players this year were senior Lyndsey Mirmelstein and sophomore Kim Lyons. Mirmelstein and Lyons, playing first doubles, recently took third place in the district and qualified for the state tournament.

Although they took a

hard loss in the first round, they came back to win the second round and finished third, their goal. Only the top six singles players and doubles teams in the district go on to the state tournament.

The team was not expected to do well this season, according to junior Lisa Lazarus. She attributed the success to encouragement and more focus at practices.

"We learned to cheer each other on and focus more at practice. We weren't expected to do as well as we did this year and that makes the taste of triumph even sweeter," Lazarus said.

The team will lose four seniors at season's end. Mirmelstein, Labovitz, Nawal Atwan and Rachel Zinn.

"We'll miss them [the seniors] so much," Lazarus said. "They've led us to victory! They really have!"

Men's soccer team LEL champs Team finishes with 11-2-2 record, best season in 10 years

BY GEOFF DIETRICH
Staff Reporter

This year's varsity soccer team has completed their regular season and now is preparing for sectionals in an attempt to become the best men's soccer team in Shaker history.

The team's record this year is 11-2-2, the most victorious season in Shaker soccer history. In addition to their outstanding regular season play the squad has worked hard to design their team around playing for a state title.

According to junior goalie Todd Svec, the team's success is thanks in part to the defense's top notch play all season. Their ability to keep the ball from the goal has played an important role in the team's record.

"The defense is the backbone of our team. They are always there when we need them to come up with a big play," Svec said.

Despite the offense's strong output of goals this season, junior sweeper Michael Gross said the rallying point for the team is their defense.

"The offense has struggled at times this season, and the defense has been there to pick up the pieces," Gross said.

Although the defense has been truly amazing this year, the offense also deserves their share of recognition for the team's success, according to junior forward Harry Hanson.

"The offense may stagger at times, but we've won 11 games this year, more than any other Shaker team, and you can't say that the only reason we won so

many games was because of our defense. We [the offense] have done our share as well," Hanson said.

The team clinched the Lake Erie League title last month with a dominating 15-0 victory over the Garfield Heights Bulldogs. The game was the highest scoring game of the season and featured six different scorers.

The team then began their road toward the state title with a five to two win over Riverside.

The Riverside game was *The Plain Dealer's* Game of the Week and was expected by the PD to be another showing of the team's ability to win.

Brad Thompson and Todd Svec are among LEL leaders in goals scored and shutouts, with 17 goals and seven shutouts, respectively.

Football team streaks to victory

BY GRAHAM LANZ
Staff Reporter

The varsity football team extended their winning streak to four games with wins over two West side teams. The team remains undefeated in the LEL after beating Lakewood and Parma.

Head coach Dave Sedmak said the team is beginning to execute after some miscues earlier this season, such as the opener. Quarterback/defensive back senior Andrew Malone attributed some of the offensive improvement to a better team work ethic.

"We played up to our capabilities as a team.

When you play your hardest you can beat anybody," Malone said.

The game against Parma was the team's first divisional game. Its importance was clear to senior wide-receiver and defensive back Rashad Burnley.

"Without this win we wouldn't have a chance to regain our LEL title," Burnley said.

The Raiders moved another step closer to the title when they beat the Lakewood Rangers Sept. 28. This was the first time the Raiders defeated Lakewood in three years.

The team returned to the East side to defeat Garfield Hts. and Shaw.



Rain drops keep falling on their heads. Showers did not stop the Raiders from defeating Shaw Saturday 35-0.

Shakerite photo by Iahn Gonsenhauser

Goalie's broken arm no problem for women's soccer

BY NIKI DORSKY
Staff Reporter

A starting goalie with a broken arm was not an ideal kick-off for the women's soccer season. But as they enter the District semi-finals this week, the lady Raiders are set to prove that the injury was a minor set back.

Led by captains Callie Stokes, Holly Hukill, Dina Levi and Deja Lewis, the team finished their regular season 4-7-5.

"Compared to other teams, our record may not seem that great," said junior Jenna Carl, "but it doesn't really represent what a sweet season we had."

One of the Raiders' most intense games was against Mentor, the best team in the state. Shaker was down 5-0 until the last 20 minutes when goalie Jenny Mulligan broke her arm while blocking the sixth shot. Mentor won the game 6-0.

"We could definitely have won if they hadn't broken Jenny's arm," sophomore Hannah Foster said. "It's nice to know that we now have the ability play a competitive game against the number one team, considering that last year we lost to them 10-0."

Many players attribute their successful season to Rob Bricker, their new coach.

"Rob makes us work hard but he's always fun and encouraging," junior Kim Breese said.

In the sectional game last week, the team overcame third-seeded Cleveland Heights.

At the end of the first half, Shaker was down 1-0. During the second half, Foster fired a shot on an indirect kick and tied the game. Stokes scored the go-ahead goal within the first 10 minutes of overtime. Next Heights tied the game 2-2.

Neither team scored another goal until the best-of-five penalty shoot-out where Foster, Lewis and Stokes each scored. Heights could not muster another goal and the Shaker team stormed the field and tackled Mulligan as they realized they had advanced to the next round.

Raider Radar



Just when you thought nobody was looking ...

THE BIG BOOT - Senior place-kicker Brendan Masini finally met his season-long goal in last week's victory over Garfield Heights. Masini, who had been striving all season for a kickoff to reach the endzone, finally kicked a bomb early in the game with the Raiders winning 7-0.

MORE GOALS - Junior Chris "Rudy" Taylor received more playing time in the big victory over Garfield. With the Raiders leading 34-7, Taylor entered the game and made an amazing leaping catch good for a six-yard gain.

SWIMMERS BEWARE! - It's only October and already many members of the varsity swim team have thrown up during the team's rigorous practices. The following team members have been part of this record-setting month: Jimmy Weinland (2X), Nat Kendall-Taylor (6X, 4X in one day), Paul Bosley and many others. Just wait until the football season is over and Taylor returns.

CANCELLED: THE BIG TRADE - The recent trade between the swim team and the lacrosse team has been

revoked after senior Phil Toomajian quit swimming after one week of rough practice. Toomajian's absence in the pool will (most likely) result in seniors Nat Kendall-Taylor, Glen Tetzlaff, Neal Thomson and Bryan Wamsley not playing lacrosse next spring.

WE ARE SORRY! - As the sports editors of The Shakerite we did not attempt to offend any teams, teachers, students, faculty members or administrators with comments, headlines, or articles that were published in last month's edition.

We would like to extend a special apology to the cross-country team. We did not omit your record or upcoming games purposely, and we regret that this mistake occurred.

Also, nothing written in "Raider Radar" is intended to offend any particular student. In closing, we apologize if we have offended you and we are very sorry. Therefore, despite many requests, we will not be writing about senior David Bass and his driver "God" in any future editions of The Shakerite.

Raiders of the Month

BY LAURA CURTISS
Co-Sports Editor

A competitive edge and grace under pressure have led sophomore Kim Lyons to victory with the varsity tennis team this season.

Lyons was very successful this season playing first and second doubles with a record of 30-3. Lyons unexpectedly triumphed with senior Lyndsey Mirmelstein at the Solon Doubles Tournament.

"At Solon we were down 6-0 to Mentor in the first set, playing their first and second singles players. We came back to win the second set and then won

the match in a tie-breaker. That's how we got seeded in Sectionals," Lyons said.

Lyons said she and Mirmelstein have a good effect on each other and help each other to relax.

"I have a good sense of humor, Lindsey thinks I have an attitude, but we help to calm each other down," Lyons said.

Lyons said her hardest matches this season were those against state-ranked Medina, Mentor and Toledo opponents Sylvania Northview.

"All the other teams do is hit hard, so we just hit lobs and win," Lyons said.

Lyons said she came from behind many times this season by setting small goals for herself and slowly accomplishing them.

"I set a goal, maybe a game or a point, then I just keep going for that little goal

and all of the sudden I am winning," Lyons said.

Accomplishing these small goals motivates Lyons and gives her a competitive edge, she said.

"I'm very competitive and my teammates notice that and talk about how I yell a lot, but that's how I play and that's how I win," Lyons said.

Teammate senior Erica Labovitz said Lyons' competitive edge encourages the older members of the team.

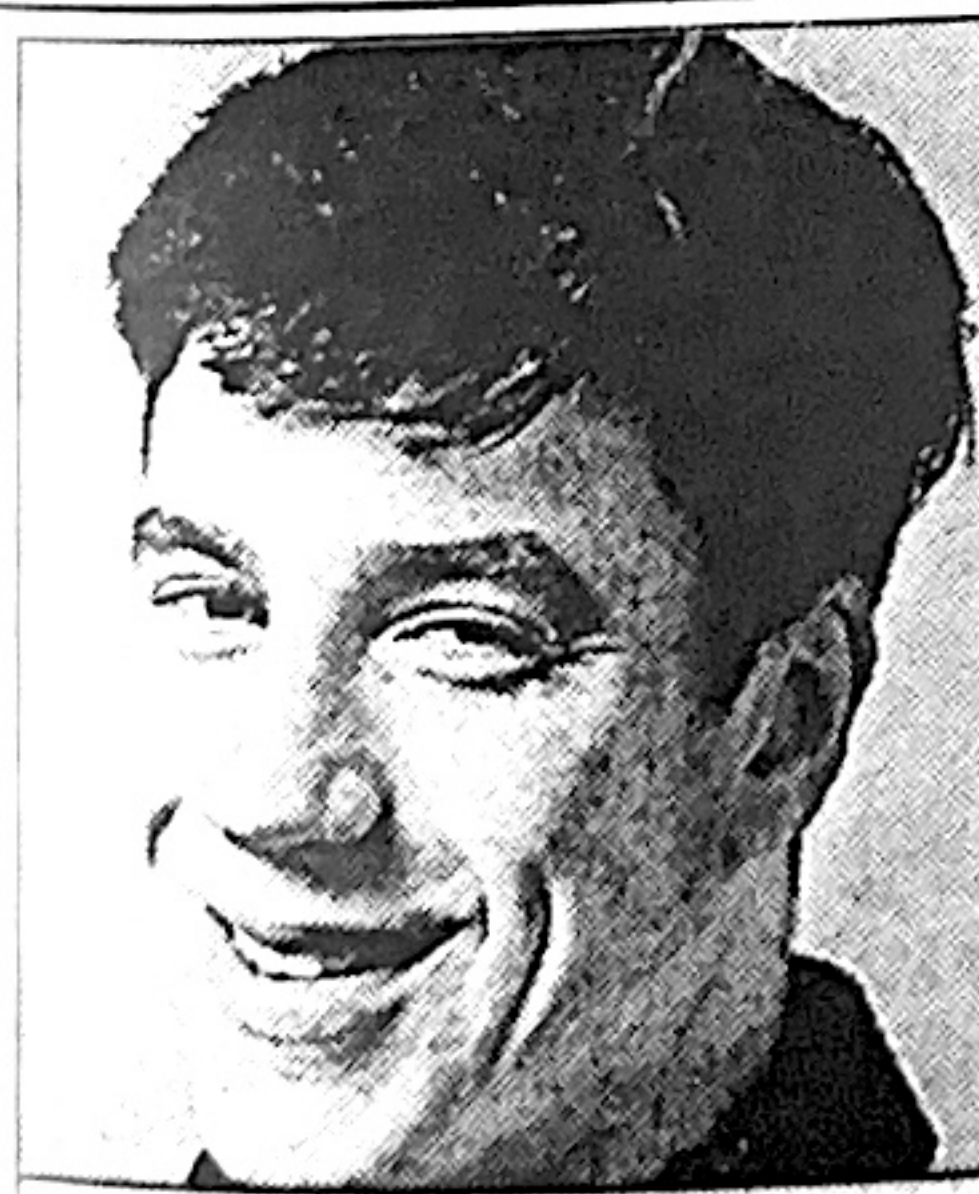
"Since Kim's been so successful the past two years, I have confidence for the future seasons," Labovitz said.

As the tennis team winds up its season, Lyons said she will continue to practice and hone the skills that have helped her triumph and accomplish many goals this season.



KIM LYONS

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ANDREW MALONE

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For senior quarterback Andrew Malone, worrying about his team's success has motivated him to a successful season through eight games.

Head football coach Dave Sedmak said Malone has had a tremendous effect on the team.

"Andrew's strengths as a quarterback are tailor made for our offense," he said.

Malone is infamous for the many times he breaks tackles, his speed when he runs the ball and his amazing fakes with running back Andre Griffin.

"It is truly amazing that they can

execute that fake so well," Sedmak said. "There are many incidents when the officials don't even know who has the ball—that is a tremendous compliment."

Along with Griffin, Malone has been one of the leading forces behind the successful Raiders offense this season. Through seven games Malone had rushed for 350 yards on 57 carries, eight of those resulting in touchdowns. Malone has completed seven passes, two for touchdowns, with a total of 165 yards passing.

Malone is also the starting safety on defense. He has a dominating role on defense as he has seven solo tackles, 22 assisted tackles, three quarterback sacks and has caused two fumbles. Malone has recovered one fumble for a touchdown and has also intercepted one pass. All together he has scored 11 touchdowns.

"It's a rarity to have a quarterback that excels at defense as well. We are very lucky to have Andrew on our team," Sedmak said.

Malone said he is more motivated by the team's success than his own personal success.

"I don't really worry about how I am doing," Malone said. "I worry about the team. If they are doing well, that motivates me."

Time and time again Malone gives credit to the rest of the team. Malone places his personal success second to that of the team.

"The lineman and the other players deserve a lot of credit," Malone said. "They need to get attention also. They play just as big of a role on this team as I do," he said.

RED RAIDER WRAP-UP

Football:

Record: 6-2 (.750)
Last Game: Defeated Shaw Saturday
Next Game: Saturday, Oct. 26
At Home vs. Normandy 2 PM

F. Hockey:

Record: 8-5-2 (.600)
Last Game: Played Hathaway Brown in Playoffs
Next Game: TBD

Golf:

Record: 7-15 (.318)
Last Game: Defeated at Sectionals
Next Game: Fall '97

M. Soccer:

Record: 11-2-2 (.800)
Last Game: Defeated Riverside Sat.
Next Game: Saturday at Mentor

Combined
Raider
Record:
75-53-9 (.580)
Raiders stats as of 10/19/96

W. Soccer:

Record: 7-15 (.318)
Last Game: Defeated at Sectionals
Next Game: Fall '97

Volleyball:

Record: 12-6 (.667)
Last Game: Played in Sectionals last weekend
Next Game: Districts this weekend

X-Country

Record: 11-8 (.579)
Last Game: League Meet Oct. 12 - 6th Place
Next Game: Fall '97

Tennis:

Record: 15-8 (.652)
Last Game: Defeated in District Finals
Next Game: Fall '97

Sports Boosters award game attendance

BY MYRA MARESH

Staff Reporter

Do you want to be the lucky winner of a \$25 gift certificate to The Record Exchange? If so, listen up! At one home game of each of the 22 sports, the Sports Boosters Club will hold a drawing for the prize. The names of all students in attendance will be placed in a bag and a winner will be drawn. Students will not be made aware of

which game in each sport the drawing will be held. The more games a student attends, the greater chance he or she has of winning.

Some prizes have already been given away, but the contest will continue throughout the year and plenty of prizes have yet to be awarded.

The Boosters Club sees this new contest as an incentive for more students to support their school and classmates at athletic events, according to the club's president Suzanne Cooper.

"This year we are focusing on mak-

ing Shaker Heights Athletics more visible and encouraging attendance at athletic events," Cooper said.

Students and parents support the efforts of the Boosters.

"I think it will be all right. It will get me to come to more home games," senior Jeremy Gay said.

While there are those who think this contest will be beneficial, others are not so sure.

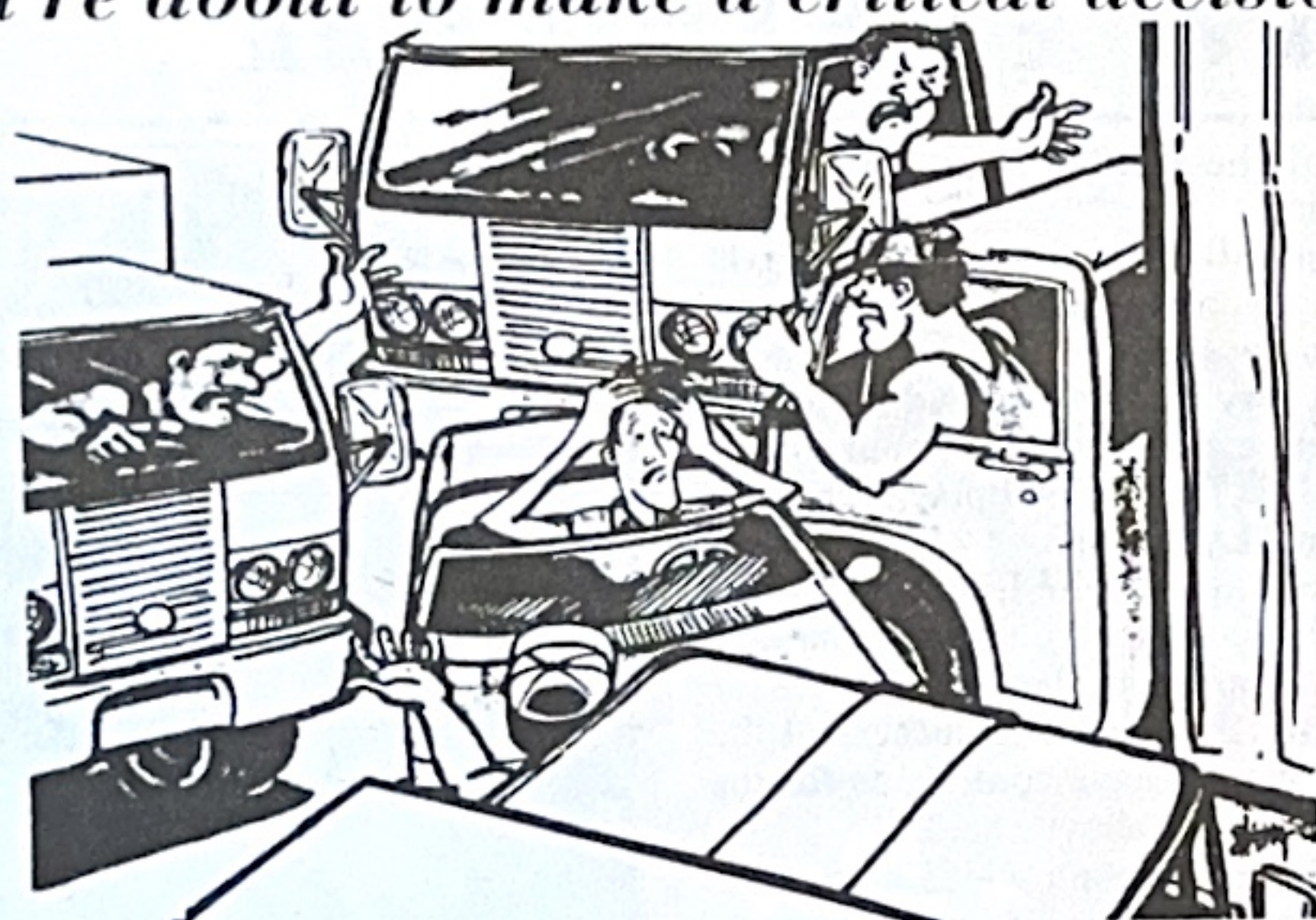
"It is a great idea if it does what it is supposed to do," one tennis player's parent said.

Tennis coach Allan Slawson agreed and then elaborated.

"It's worth a try. On the other hand, I am not sure it will have any affect on the attendance at some sports events. People are interested in certain sports or friends or those games that mean something," Slawson said.

It cannot yet be determined if this contest boosts attendance, but students can do their part, according to the Sports Boosters. They encourage you to show up, cheer on your schoolmates and win prizes too!

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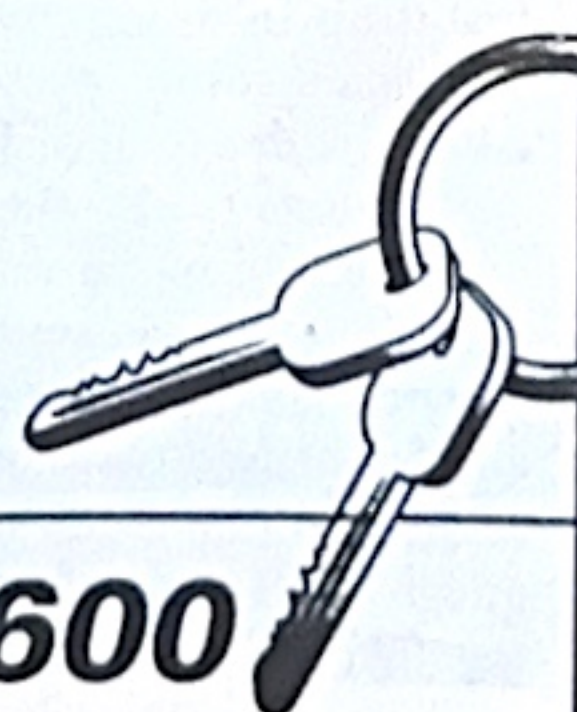
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